

# Waste Wise Schools

## Scoring criteria



### WasteWise Scoring Criteria

Schools can earn 1 point each for the following activities:

#### *Category 1 Student involvement:*

- The school formally designates a group of students which manage the waste systems at the school.
- Waste monitors or WasteWise team: This group of students take action to reduce waste. The group works alongside the WasteWise educator to create and implement the Waste Management plan.
- Regular litter clean- ups: This could be a daily or weekly allocated time for the whole school to do a litter hunt.
- Participation in waste minimisation events such as Keep New Zealand Beautiful week, Recycle Week, Nude food day etc. The school or a class can participate in one of these events which can be coordinated by the WasteWise educator.
- Awards for classes/students who engage in waste minimisation activities: A school trophy that a class can win per term for having the best recycling practices.
- Recycling at school events and working towards making the school events, zero waste events. Students have the opportunity to work with the WasteWise educator towards organising a zero waste event.
- Addressing the whole school at assembly with WasteWise updates.
- Extra activities/systems/policies not mentioned here.

#### *Category 2 Education:*

- EcoSolutions waste minimisation education lessons delivered to school.
- Promoting Zero Waste Lunches to students, parents and staff.
- Promotion of WasteWise activities to the whole school and wider community.
- Paper4Trees member.

• Terracycle member	
• Battery recycling project member.	
• Other activities not mentioned here.	
Whole school beeswax lunch-wraps	
<i>Category 3 Waste minimisation Policies and Systems.</i>	
• Have the waste management plan written into the teachers' manual.	
• Teacher actively ensure students use the system correctly in the classroom.	
• Recycle paper.	
• Mixed recycle; tins, cans and plastics.	
• Food waste recycling/composting or worm farm	
• Green waste composting or worm farm	
• E- waste and hazardous waste recycling such as batteries/light bulbs.	
• Students take lunchbox rubbish home.	
• Replace paper towels with hand dryers.	
• Office staff actively recycle; including toner cartridge recycling.	
• Conducting a zero waste end of year clean-up.	
• Canteen staff provide zero waste food alternatives and recycle.	
• Canteen provides zero waste food or food with packaging which can be recycled or composted.	
	WWS criteria total
	Waste audit points
	<b>GrandTotal</b>
<b>Award:</b>	

### *Other*

*Further points can be earned with a waste audit diversion rate. A waste audit means a school can get a clear picture of how much food and recycling is in the bin. When there is less than 20% recycling and food in the bin, the diversion rate is 80% for example.*



10 points for 80% diversion.

5 points for 60% diversion

2 points for 40% diversion.

**Gold award: 24- 30 points**

**Silver award: 15 – 23 points**

**Bronze Award: 8 – 14 points.**

### Sample Waste Minimisation Plan

Implement resource recovery for	Resource removal plan. details	Who puts it in the internal bin?	Where to? Internal to outside bins.	Who removes it? (internal bin to outside bins)	Who is the Waste removal company.
Paper	Paper recycle trays Compostable bins	staff students	Main recycle station	Cleaning staff Enviro team	Northland Waste
cardboard	Direct to recycle station from office	Staff/students	Main recycle station	Staff, cleaning staff/ students	" "
Plastics 1 & 2	Stacker in kitchen	staff	Main recycle station	Cleaning staff	" "
Glass	Stacker in kitchen	Staff	Main recycle station	" "	" "
Food waste	Pig scraps kitchen tidy	Staff/students staff	Pigs Compost/worm farm	Enviro team	
e-waste	In dry storage area	Office staff	Transfer station	Caretaker	Take to resource recovery centre
Other streams 1 Polystyrene.	Landfill bin	Office staff or students	Main recycle station.	Cleaning staff	"
2 Green waste	Green waste bin	caretaker	Compost bins	Caretaker	-
Paper towels	Paper towels bins	Enviro team	Compost bins, worms or trenching	Enviro team	-

