

# INVOLVING STUDENTS BECOMING A RECYCLE RIGHT SCHOOL

**This is one of Planet Ark's Schools Recycle Right activity guides.**

**Its goals are to:**

- 1.** Connect you with recycling schemes you can set up in schools
- 2.** Get students involved with hands on sustainability projects.

## Why set up a recycling system?

**Setting up a recycling system is a hands-on, interdisciplinary lesson that educates students about the environment, personal responsibility, community action, sustainability and natural resource management.**



Recycling can:

- Reduce the amount of waste going into landfill, helping to prolong its useful life
- Save energy and thus greenhouse gas emissions
- Create jobs
- Save natural resources such as oil and water
- Reduce pollution
- Provide raw materials for manufacturing
- Makes a difference at local and global scales

## Becoming a Recycle Right School



During the Schools Recycle Right campaign (SRRC), Planet Ark offers a range of activities for schools such as live online lessons and promotional events in your area. Make sure you are signed up to our newsletters and check our events page so that you don't miss out!

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## Set up a collection point

Sign up to existing recycling programs. You'll receive a collection unit for the materials that can also be used by students and parents:



### PRINTER CARTRIDGES

A **free scheme** to that recycles used printer cartridges with zero waste to landfill.



### MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones can be **recycled through free programs** for purpose beyond their life cycle.



### BATTERIES

Purchase a **Batteries 4 Planet Ark** box. Select retailers also provide free recycling drop-offs.



### HOT TIP!

Place your recycling units in places where the waste is generated. For example, your cartridge box next to the printers, coffee capsules box in the staff kitchen and the mobile phone unit in the foyer or common areas so that students and parents can have access to it.

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## Composting

A compost or worm farm is one of nature's best recyclers of food and garden scraps. Students can get involved and see in real time how their food scraps become compost. To find out more, or to establish a compost bay or worm farm at your school, check out these resources:

[COSTA'S GUIDE TO ORGANICS FOR SCHOOLS](#)

[COMPOSTING FACT SHEET](#)



## Turn trash into cash with Container Deposit Schemes

You can raise funds by collecting containers that are eligible under state run Container Deposit Schemes (CDS). Eligible beverage containers can be returned to designated collection depots to earn a 10 cent refund per container.

CDS provide a financial incentive to reduce litter, leading to cleaner beaches, waterways, parks and streets, and mean less recyclable materials are sent to landfill.

Schemes are currently in place in SA, NT, NSW, QLD, WA, and VIC with TAS scheme under development.

[FIND YOUR NEAREST CDS](#)





## Lesson Plans and Activities

Choose any of our free curriculum aligned Lesson Plans and fun Activities to teach kids about recycling and the environmental benefits that follow.

[DOWNLOAD LESSON PLANS HERE](#)[DOWNLOAD ACTIVITIES HERE](#)

## WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT RECYCLING IN YOUR AREA?

[Search Recycling Near You](#)

**Recycling Near You** provides council sourced data on a range of materials and their recycling options. With area specific information, you can find the right recycling service for your needs.