

CSWE III

Teaching Suggestions and Delivery Hints

Optional Extras

Student learning about the Get It Right On Bin Night campaign and the recycling process would be greatly enhanced by an offsite excursion to a Materials Recovery Facility. To experience the technology and human effort in the recycling process gives learners at this level a much greater understanding of recycling and its importance than just a classroom activity.

A tour of a Waste Transfer Station could also assist in letting students know about what other items the Council is able to recycle but which cannot be put in the kerbside recycling bin.

In addition, your local Council Waste Education Officer would be a great resource and may offer to be a guest speaker and may have other educational resources that could be used in the classroom.

Lesson Delivery Hints

Some items described in the Power Point presentations might be unfamiliar to students. As such it would be valuable to have some items on hand to show students. These items might include aluminium foil, polystyrene, aerosol cans, biscuit or cake trays, drinking glass and ceramic coffee cup (that cannot be recycled).

Following the Power Point presentations the teacher could instruct play 'The Waste Game' – a competition between teams of students to sort different recyclable and non-recyclable waste items into a recycling and a waste bin. Alternatively your Council may have magnetic board with images of recyclable and non-recyclable items that could be 'stuck' on different boards representing each different bin. This activity would help reinforce the learning in the presentation and test student's knowledge.

A classroom discussion could be centred around the way different countries deal with waste and sharing stories about waste management and recycling in student's countries of origin.

The lesson could be further enhanced by a discussion on how students can reduce the amount of waste that is created in their household through buying in bulk and ensuring that things like clothing are donated to charity shops and e-waste is recycled. Students could research their local area for charity shops where they could take goods that they no longer use.