

## **EDUCATOR NOTES:**

### [Planning a Junior Landcare friendly event](#)

#### **Learning and Engagement Approach**

This activity is designed to engage young learners aged from 7 – 13 years.

The activity is intended to:

- encourage children to consider the waste created at events
- plan to minimise the amount of waste produced
- brainstorm alternatives to single-use materials
- manage waste that is produced, so that it can be directed to the appropriate place.

#### **Safety Considerations**

- Check the weather before conducting any outdoors activity. If there is going to be extreme temperatures, storms or high wind, postpone the activity.
- Ensure that everyone is wearing closed shoes, hats, and sunscreen and has a water bottle handy.
- Keep any allergy plan information at hand and any associated allergy medication.
- Make sure that waste is disposed of in a timely manner, so that it does not cause health problems
- Make sure that protective equipment is provided if waste needs to be handled.

#### **Materials and References**

Environment Education Victoria's [Waste-Wise School Event Kit](#) is useful for schools or community groups that are planning open days, fetes, sports carnivals, Kids Teaching Kids, EnviroWeek, or any large event where food is served.

#### **Site Suggestions**

It is a good idea to integrate the waste messages with your site's celebration, including event-themed signage. This way the waste message won't compete with the intent of the celebration.

#### **Educator Tips**

Behaviour-change can take time to occur. If the children have identified many areas for improvement, consider achieving small wins in your first event and then move onto bigger problems next time, rather than trying to change everything at once.

#### **Aligning this Activity**

- [Creating compost](#)

### **Extension Activities**

#### **Extension 1**

What would your weekly garbage selfie look like? Take a photo of yourself surrounded by your rubbish for 1 week. What can you learn from this?

#### **Extension 2**

What sustainable actions can you adopt at home to minimise rubbish going to landfill?

### **Community Engagement**

Use [The National Landcare Directory](#) to find a community environmental 'care' group near you. Landcare groups are experienced in managing waste and caring for special places.

Look to the [Junior Landcare Community Page](#) for organisations to contact to help support your waste management activities.

Use this [Australian City Farms and Community Gardens Network map](#) to find a City Farm or Community Garden near you to get some ideas for composting waste.

### **Curriculum and Framework Links**

#### **SCIENCE**

Year 2: [ACSHE035](#),

Year 3: [ACSHE051](#), [ACSIS060](#), [ACSIS057](#)

Year 4: [ACSHE062](#), [ACSIS068](#)

Year 5: [ACSHE081](#)

Year 6: [ACSHE100](#)

Year 7: [ACSIS125](#), [ACSIS129](#)

Year 8: [ACSIS140](#), [ACSIS144](#)

Year 9: [ACSIS165](#)

#### **GEOGRAPHY**

Year 7: [ACHGK045](#)

#### **ETHICAL UNDERSTANDING**

[Exploring values, rights and responsibilities](#)

#### **PERSONAL AND SOCIAL CAPABILITY**

[Social awareness](#)

#### **CROSS CURRICULUM PRIORITY**

[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Histories and Cultures:](#)

[Sustainability](#)

#### **MY TIME OUR PLACE: FRAMEWORK FOR SCHOOL AGE CARE**

[Outcome 2 and 4](#)