

# SUSTAINABILITY

## SUPPORTING OUR ECO-WARRIOR KIDS IN 2022

### Looking for ideas to inspire more sustainability efforts at home?



Is your kid interested to help the environment? Are you a bit confused about what you can do at home to support their enthusiasm? Looking for some quick and easy ideas now? Read on and give each one a fair go!

***“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”*** Mahatma Gandhi

### 1

#### COMPOST @ HOME

Matchmake your compost waste with a neighbour near you.

[sharewaste.com](https://sharewaste.com)

Or be brave & buy a bin.

Georges River Council will provide a discount! Collect your food scraps (ex meat) into a small bin, then empty it into a larger bin in the backyard when full. Get started:

[compostrevolution.com.au/georgesriver/products](https://compostrevolution.com.au/georgesriver/products)



### 2

#### COLLECT YOUR SOFT PLASTIC RECYCLING

Keep a bag handy in the kitchen to collect your discarded soft plastics (eg pasta packaging etc).

Then when your bag is full, drop it off at Woolworths Mortdale (in the recycling bins next to the check-out cashiers) on your next shopping visit.



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#### UP-CYCLE

Although you may be using your yellow recycling bin for your hard plastics, avoid landfill for your other household items:

Donate locally for free via recycling online group [freecycle.org](https://freecycle.org)

Donate your mobile, laptop or tablet (in any current condition) to [thereconnectproject.com.au](https://thereconnectproject.com.au)

Repair or revamp items at Oatley Remakery via [www.facebook.com/OatleyRShub/](https://www.facebook.com/OatleyRShub/)



#### Sign up to ZeroCo

Is it time to top up your household cleaning products to a brand that gives back to the planet? Insert LPS details during your 1st online order of a Starter Kit & ZeroCo will give \$40 to LPS! Read more details here about how reducing your single-use plastic at home, can help our school too. <https://www.zeroco.com.au/pages/give-a-thon> Unsure how to order and link LPS, contact Jasmine.

Show your kids this video of how 200kg of plastic was collected from Sydney Harbour last year then recycled into ZeroCo forever bottles. <https://youtu.be/t9VeiXhKggQ>

#### National School Tree Planting Day

Add Friday **29th July 2022** to your calendars, and join us that day as we plant extra native shrubs in LPS school garden beds (including bush tucker). Volunteers needed :) More details coming soon.

### Be thoughtful with gifts

It can be tedious to think of appropriate birthday gifts for children every year (for your own kids as well as their friends and cousins!). Instead of buying a boring voucher from the supermarket, consider buying a voucher or even merchandise from a charity. The uniqueness of the gift will also help spread the education to kids of some groups that do proactive work in the community and world. Whilst the list is endless, here are a few that have a wide range when shopping online:

[www.seashepherd.com.au](http://www.seashepherd.com.au)  
[www.upparel.com.au](http://www.upparel.com.au)   [www.fordignity.com.au](http://www.fordignity.com.au)   [www.greenpeace.org.au](http://www.greenpeace.org.au)  
[www.planetark.org.au](http://www.planetark.org.au)   [www.unicef.org.au](http://www.unicef.org.au)   [www.seedsprout.com.au](http://www.seedsprout.com.au)  
[www.giftsfortheplanet.com.au](http://www.giftsfortheplanet.com.au)   [www.earthonus.com.au](http://www.earthonus.com.au)   [www.wwf.org.au](http://www.wwf.org.au)



*“The more clearly we can focus our attention on the wonders and realities of the universe about us, the less taste we shall have for destruction.”* Rachel Carson

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## INTRODUCE WORKPLACE COMPOST COLLECTION

Register your employer and workplace with Compost Connect. They will regularly collect any compost you separate in the work kitchen. They work with 18 compost partners and service 2,200+ suburbs across Australia & NZ.

Get started here:  
[compostconnect.org.au](http://compostconnect.org.au)



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## RECYCLE SMART

The “RecycleSmart” app is a handy guide for your mobile to help you look up what items can be recycled, where local drop off locations are as well as companies that will collect items from your home.

[www.recyclesmart.com.au](http://www.recyclesmart.com.au)

PlanetArk (ph: 1300 733 712) also offer a search directory based on a postcode or item  
[recyclingnearyou.com.au](http://recyclingnearyou.com.au)

Arnie's Recon offer a free home collection service of appliances & electronics.

[arniesrecon.com](http://arniesrecon.com)

Georges River Council also have a recycling directory on their website.  
[www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/Services/Waste/A-Z-Recycling-Guide](http://www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/Services/Waste/A-Z-Recycling-Guide)

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## AVOID TEXTILE WASTE

Please don't throw out any school uniforms.

Is it in good condition?  
 Sell, swap or donate it on our Facebook group  
**“LPS Uniform Swaps”**

Is it in bad condition? (ie stains or holes). Please contact Jasmine and we will forward it to an upcycling company like **Uparel** or **WornUp** who convert it into furniture (like stools) - check out the inspiring WornUp Aussie story at [wornup.com](http://wornup.com)

The P&C are looking to apply for a WornUp drop-off textile recycling bin. This would be located on school grounds and collected monthly. Stay tuned for further news.

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## LITTLE VS LITTER

About to walk the dog? Grab a glove on your way out the door & collect an item of litter now and then in the park or street so that it doesn't end up in the gutters, waterways and rivers.

Join an event for **Clean Up Australia Day** on Sunday March 6th. Check out a location near you:

[www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/join-a-clean-up](http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/join-a-clean-up)

Got kids that are keen for regular clean-up events in the local area?

Contact Jasmine if you want details of the next local “Little vs Litter” clean up event where eco-warriors unite with other kids for active outdoor fun (off the devices!).