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SCHOOL RESOURCE: PAPER

CLOSE THE LOOP: Australia is transitioning to a low carbon, circular economy and away from the *taking, making and disposing* actions of a linear economy. From 2017 to 2018, 72% of paper and cardboard was recycled in Australia (www.packagingcovenant.org.au/).

Just as important to the recycling of paper and cardboard is the purchasing of sustainable paper and cardboard. Schools can look for 100% RECYCLED POST CONSUMER and FSC paper and cardboard when making purchases. Get the full rundown on sustainable office paper purchasing at:

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/business/090092-office-paper-factsheet.pdf>

The greatest reduction in school paper can be made by avoiding the use of paper in the first place. With iPads, Cloud Storage Systems and Digital School Communication Apps, this is now easier than ever.

Where is it used?	Is this Resource being used sustainably YES / NO / UNSURE	Recommendations	Changes to be made	Date to commence
Student Bathrooms		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminate paper towels. At the building stages, position hand basins immediately outside the bathrooms so children can wash their hands outside and shake their hands dry Put an action poster at the place of action (the hand towel dispenser) to "Be kind to trees, use less paper" Purchase sustainable toilet paper, some are now made with bamboo. Our personal favourite is <i>Who Gives a Crap</i> which not only sells sustainable toilet paper, tissues and paper towels, but also donates 50% of profits to build toilets in developing countries. https://au.whogivesacrap.org/ If you must use paper towels for hand drying, then collect them and send them to the compost pile. 		
Staff Bathrooms		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminate paper towels. Replace with a washable hand towel or energy efficient hand dryer Purchase sustainable toilet paper, some are now made with bamboo. Our personal favourite is <i>Who Gives a Crap</i> which not only sells sustainable toilet paper, tissues and paper towels, but also donates 50% of profits to build toilets in developing countries https://au.whogivesacrap.org/ 		
Classrooms		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go digital Use email to send materials home and go online for submitting homework Establish a policy at the school so that parents only purchase sustainably sourced paper for school packs. More ideas for a paperless classroom: https://www.edutopia.org/paperless-classroom 		

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Office/Admin.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Switch to a digital communication platform. Check out the SkoolBag App • Change the default settings on all copiers and printers to double-sided. • Reuse single sided paper • Track paper usage and centralise ordering • Unsubscribe to junk mail • Always recycle 		
Kitchen		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate paper towels; use washable dish & hand towels instead. Choose natural fibre towels. • Purchase sustainable single use food serving and packaging Check out BioPak • Invest in energy efficient dishwashers and use washable dishes, cups, etc. 		
Outside				
Other				
Other				