



SCHOOL RESOURCE: WATER

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<https://www.coolaustralia.org/using-and-saving-water-at-school/>

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"> • Install water saving taps. Installing aerators to taps reduces the water flow by up to 50% • Fix all drips and leaks • Make a classroom activity to check for leaky taps • Install toilet system with hand washing at cistern • Use tank water • Place a cistern displacement device in the toilet cistern to reduce the volume of water used in each flush. • Put posters near the place of action (the taps) to use less water and to turn taps off 		
Staff Bathrooms		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install water saving taps. Installing aerators to taps reduces the water flow by up to 50% • Rethink your toilets, where fresh water is first used for handwashing and then flows into the cistern to ultimately flush the toilet. Companies such as Caroma sell these. • Use tank water • Place a cistern displacement device in the toilet cistern to reduce the volume of water used in each flush. • Place posters near the place of action (the taps) to use less water and to turn taps off 		
Bubblers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redirect ‘wasted’ water to holding tanks for the garden and washing outdoor settings • Place containers under the bubbler to catch water for use in the garden • Remove mouth bubblers and replace with water bottle refill taps • Make it mandatory that all children bring a re-useable water bottle to school. Excess water at the end of the day can be put in the garden or collection tank for later. 		
Kitchen		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install water saving taps. Installing aerators to taps reduces the water flow by up to 50% • Fix all drips and leaks • Use full loads in the dishwasher • Invest in a water efficient dishwasher • Put posters near the place of action (the taps) to use less water and to turn taps off 		



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Outside		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fix all drips and leaks • Use tank water or other recycled water (ie. From bubblers) for watering the garden or washing outdoor environment. • Mulch gardens to avoid water loss and plant drought tolerant local natives • Put posters near the place of action (the taps) to use less water and to turn taps off 		
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