



Are you a Waste Smart Kindy?



Dear Early Learning Centre and Kindergarten Directors and Educators,

Greater Dandenong Council is pleased to announce their **new free waste education program** for Early Learning Centres, Childcares and Kindergartens.

To assist your Centre in taking the next step to managing waste more sustainably, EnviroCom Australia is launching a Waste Smart Kindy program in 2021 on behalf of Greater Dandenong Council. The **City of Greater Dandenong Waste Smart Kindy (CGDWSK) program** is a milestone program, designed to support Centre staff and children on their journey towards sustainability. Council's partnership with member Centres will empower Centres to achieve behaviour change: to avoid and minimise general waste to landfill, and to increase reuse and recycling. Resources, guidance, advice and training will be provided to engage Centres in investigations of on-site waste issues, which will inform the development and design of sustainable, appropriate waste management solutions.

This initiative will assist Centres to reduce their waste by providing three (3) training modules and corresponding quizzes for Centre staff. Topics covered will include composting, worm farming and waste minimisation. A resource pack including posters, activity resources and bin signage will also be available for use throughout the Centre.

This program will provide support to Centres to meet their sustainability accreditation requirements as outlined in the National Quality Standards. The Waste Smart Kindy Program is available to all Early Learning Centres, Childcare Centres and Kindergartens within the City of Greater Dandenong.



To express your interest in the City of Greater Dandenong Waste Smart Kindy program, please return the enclosed Expression of Interest Form as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Hannah Young
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