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Case Studies of finalist and winning schools in the 2005 Waste Wise and Sustainable Schools Awards

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# Introduction

2005 marks the seventh successful year of the annual Waste Wise and Sustainable Schools Awards. This is the second year in which other areas of sustainability have been recognised in what were formerly the Waste Wise Schools Awards.

The Waste Wise Schools program is led by Sustainability Victoria, which was created on October 1 2005, when the Sustainable Energy Authority Victoria and EcoRecycle Victoria joined forces. Sustainability Victoria will support the goals of the Environmental Sustainability Framework to reduce our everyday environmental impacts and to use of resources more efficiently.

The following case studies celebrate the remarkable waste minimisation and sustainability achievements of entrants in the 2005 Waste Wise and Sustainable Schools Awards. The schools featured in these case studies have kindly given permission for their stories to be told.

The case studies in this booklet are inspirational and demonstrate just how much a school community can achieve by working together towards the common goal of reducing waste and litter. By doing so, they are demonstrating to us all how to live more sustainably.

The case studies highlight the 'quadruple bottom line' benefits (educational, economic, social and environmental) of the Waste Wise education projects and programs. Most schools have now extended their environmental programs beyond waste and recycling to other areas of sustainability, such as energy reduction, water conservation and improving the biodiversity of school grounds. Schools have integrated these topics into the curriculum and involved their local community to help spread the message and empower others to change their behaviour.

The finalists include large and small, metropolitan and regional, and primary and secondary schools. Despite their differences, each school has demonstrated a commitment to the Waste Wise Schools Program principles of: waste and litter reduction; whole school culture change; and student and staff empowerment.

Schools taking part in the Waste Wise Schools Program are able to access support from an invaluable statewide network of dedicated regional, industry and council waste and litter education officers.

The Awards are one component of the Waste Wise Schools Program, which is led by Sustainability Victoria, and is part of a comprehensive education strategy to minimise waste and litter across Victoria. It is delivered through the combined efforts of a state-level consortium headed by the Gould League and CERES, and a regional and local network of education officers from Regional Waste Management Groups, local Councils, waste contractors, education centres and other organisations. The Waste Wise Schools Program is developed and run in partnership with the Department of Education and Training, Catholic Education Office, Victorian Primary Principals Association and others.

We would like to thank the sponsors for the 2005 Awards – NGV International, City of Manningham, Least Waste, Minerals Education Victoria, Melbourne 2006, RELN Pty Ltd, and Sulo MGB Australia – plus the many supporters from Regional Waste Management Groups, City and Shire Councils and Industry listed on the back page of this booklet.



## 2005 Waste Wise and Sustainable Schools Awards Winners and Finalists

### THE WASTE WISE SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

sponsored by the City of Manningham

**Winner:** Tintern Girls Grammar School

**Finalists:** Berwick Secondary College  
Leongatha Secondary College

### THE WASTE WISE PRIMARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

sponsored by the City of Manningham

**Winner:** Croydon Hills Primary School

**Finalists:** Fountain Gate Primary School  
Corio South Primary School

### REGIONAL WASTE WISE SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

sponsored by RELN Plastics

#### Regional Winners

Fountain Gate Primary School, Narre Warren  
Berwick Secondary College, Berwick  
St Mary's Primary School, Rutherglen  
Macclesfield Primary School, Macclesfield  
Greenvale Primary School, Greenvale  
Northcote High School, Northcote  
Princes Hill Primary School, Carlton North  
Leongatha Secondary College, Leongatha  
Tyabb Primary School, Tyabb  
Corio South Primary School, Corio  
Lara Secondary College, Lara  
Darley Primary School, Bacchus Marsh  
Castlemaine Steiner School, Castlemaine

#### Runners-up

Syndal South Primary School, Mt Waverley  
Osborne Primary School, Mt Martha

#### Finalist

Hughesdale Primary School, Hughesdale

### COMMONWEALTH GAMES WASTE WISE EVENT CHALLENGE AWARD

sponsored by Melbourne 2006

**Winners:** Hughesdale Primary School  
East Bentleigh Primary School

**Runner-up:** Kings Park Primary School

**Finalist:** Syndal South Primary School

### WASTE WISE TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

sponsored by SULO MGB Australia

**Winner:** Mildura West Primary School

**Runner-up:** Croydon Hills Primary School

**Finalist:** Syndal South Primary School

### WASTE WISE HERO AWARD

sponsored by Least Waste

**Winner:** Marion Vorwerk (Mildura West Primary School)

#### Special Commendations

Scott Mercer,  
Kings Park Primary School, St Albans  
Michael Okey,  
Doncaster Primary School, Doncaster  
Julian Fetter,  
Mount Scopus Memorial College, Burwood

### WASTE WISE SCIENCE, DESIGN OR TECHNOLOGY PROJECT AWARD

sponsored by Moorabool Shire Council

**Winner:** Bayles Regional Primary School

### WASTE WISE CREATIVE ARTS PROJECT:

#### VISUAL ARTS AWARD

sponsored by Shire of Melton and Moira Shire Council

**Winners:** Darley Primary School  
Bairnsdale Secondary College

#### CREATIVE ARTS PROJECT:

#### PERFORMING ARTS AWARD

sponsored by Northern Region Waste Management Group and NEVRwaste

**Winners:** Syndal South Primary School  
Yarra Primary School

### WASTE WISE COMMUNICATION PROJECT

sponsored by Knox City Council and Visy Recycling

**Winners:** Yarra Primary School  
Bulleen Heights School  
Mildura West Primary School

**Runner-up:** Hughesdale Primary School

### INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE JUDGES' AWARDS

sponsored by Department of Education & Training

**Winners:** Fountain Gate Primary School  
Corio South Primary School  
Berwick Secondary College  
Leongatha Secondary College

