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EnviroMentors

EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Formerly known as Waste Watchers

2012

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What is Keep Australia Beautiful NSW?

Established in 1975, Keep Australia Beautiful NSW is the premier not for profit organisation working

to preserve, protect and enhance our unique and diverse environments. Our programs educate, support and motivate schools, individuals, councils, community groups and businesses to take up environmentally sustainable practices which result in a myriad of positive outcomes for the whole environment. These programs include Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities, Sustainable Cities, Clean Beaches, Graffiti Action Day, various Anti-Littering Campaigns to reduce and prevent litter and our key environmental education program, EnviroMentors. Our mission is to keep Australia beautiful by supporting and acknowledging community efforts to enhance local environments from country to coast. Our vision is to achieve the maximum positive impact to the NSW environment.

What is EnviroMentors?

EnviroMentors (formerly known as Waste Watchers) is Australia's leading mobile, incursion based and interactive, environmental education program for schools. It is offered as a service to assist Councils, ROC's and other host organisations in educating their children on a wide range of local environmental issues. Workshops facilitate student learning by passing on vital and effective measures participants can take to protect and conserve our fragile environments.

In 2010, we visited 465 schools in 57 different council areas equating to 53,100 students taught through our interactive workshops. In 2011, our education team grew as did the demand for our program which saw us visiting schools not only in NSW, but the ACT and Victoria too! In June 2011, we rebranded our program from Waste Watchers to EnviroMentors to reflect the diversity of our modules and the expertise of our team. Look out for our new logo in 2012.



What environmental themes do we cover?

Our workshops cover a multitude of environmental issues. In 2012, we will have a suite of seven environmental education modules, up from five in 2011. These will include:

In the Bin

Students gain knowledge of local waste issues, including the appropriate bin to place waste items in and the environmental implications of littering, which can be taken home and imparted to parents.

Close the Loop

Through interactive games, students find out what new items are made from recycled materials. A focus on local services, recycling to reduce waste going to landfill and saving resources is emphasised.

Compost Critters

Students explore composting as an environmentally sound alternative to reducing waste going to landfill. A fun interactive game of catch-the-critter enables students to have fun while delving into this ecosystem.

Worms, Worms, Worms

Students learn about worm-farming as a simple, effective way to recycle food scraps. Students' knowledge is tested while they learn fascinating facts about worms, and enjoy discovering how a real worm farm looks and works.

Let's Do it Now!

Exploring the concept of sustainability, students work in groups to identify sustainable actions they can do in their daily lives at home and school to consume less and become more sustainable.

Catchment Action

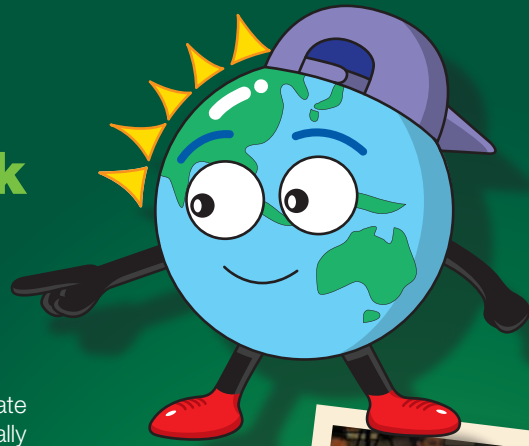
Students role-play harmful actions that affect water quality and biodiversity, carried out by characters in a catchment story. From this, students think of environmentally friendly practices to protect our fragile waterways. Our interactive 3D catchment models are a fascinating component of this module.

Drip, Drop, Splash

Students examine the water cycle and are challenged to consider strategies to conserve and share our precious and limited supply of water. Differences between the natural and man-made water cycles are explored.

What do councils think of EnviroMentors?

(formerly Waste Watchers)



Zhan Patterson, Sustainable Resources Engagement Officer, Blacktown City Council, 2011:

I have worked as an educator for over 10 years - both interstate and internationally - and have seen many educators teach. You really stood out in terms of your delivery and the depth of knowledge and understanding that you have of the content. You kept the students engaged throughout the entire lesson and were able to deliver based on their level of understanding. The comments and interaction from the students demonstrated your level of competency. It reinforces that Blacktown City Council has chosen the right provider in KAB NSW to deliver outstanding environmental and waste focused education.



Kath Little, Project Officer, Uralla Shire Council, 2011:

Uralla Shire Council was very pleased to be part of the Waste Watchers Program this year. Waste Watchers had the expertise to work with the schools in our Shire, to talk to the students about waste and recycling, and provide teachers with appropriate information and curriculum links. As a small Council, we do not have a Waste Education Officer, and Waste Watchers was able to assist in filling the gap.



Kathy Woods, Waste Management Co-ordinator, The Hills Shire Council, 2011:

The Waste Watchers program is informative and easy to understand. The presenters provide clear and simple messages in a fun and interactive manner. The program is modified to meet the needs of all age groups. I would definitely recommend the program as it is a great way to educate local communities on important environmental matters within a reasonable budget.

Nina D'Arcy, Projects/Education Officer, Wingecarribee Shire Council, 2011:

Well done on a professionally handled and delivered program.



Tammy Callaghan, Waste Management Assistant, Great Lakes Council, 2011:

The school comments sum up the program, it's really good to see children interested in our environment issues.

Matthew Davis, Waste Education Officer, City of Canterbury, 2011:

Keep Australia Beautiful NSW has delivered the Waste Watchers program for nine years on behalf of the City of Canterbury. Keep Australia Beautiful provides a great opportunity to connect with local Primary Schools and their students. While being both professional and informative, the Waste Watchers program empowers local students with the information required to enable the correct use of our domestic waste service. This program encourages a better future by identifying the benefits of recycling and highlighting how easy actions taken at home or at school can have a positive effect on the environment.



What do teachers think of EnviroMentors?

Special Needs Teacher, Lalor Park PS, Blacktown City Council, 2011:

I just want to pass on the overwhelmingly positive feedback that I have received from the teachers and students who attended the education sessions provided by Peta Golla at our school last week. She presented the material in an interesting and informative way and was particularly good with the support unit children (which was the session I witnessed firsthand). I know we completed feedback sheets on the day but I felt I had to say more as there were so many positive reports after the day. She is an asset to your organisation! Thank you for your program.

Kindy, Al-Faisal College, Auburn Council, 2011:

The education officer was fantastic! Would definitely recommend to other schools!

Yr K/1, Annangrove PS, The Hills Shire Council, 2011:

Excellent student management - highly skilled presenter with ability to adjust program to Kindy level, good behaviour management skills.

Yr 1, Summer Hill PS, Ashfield Council, 2011:

Fabulous resource for supporting science/technology curriculum.

Yr 3/4, Stroud PS, Great Lakes Council, 2011:

The program is well-presented, appropriate and practical. The range of workshops is excellent.

Yr 4, St Laurence's Primary, Dubbo City Council, 2011:

Great opportunities for student participation. Presenter knew her content extremely well. Fantastic presenter - managed students beautifully.

Yr 3-6, Peats Ridge PS, Gosford City Council, 2011:

It was excellent as it is. Love the new catchment model. Will definitely implement some activities from the follow-up ideas sheet.

Yr 3-6 (Principal), Johns River Public School, Greater Taree City Council, 2011:

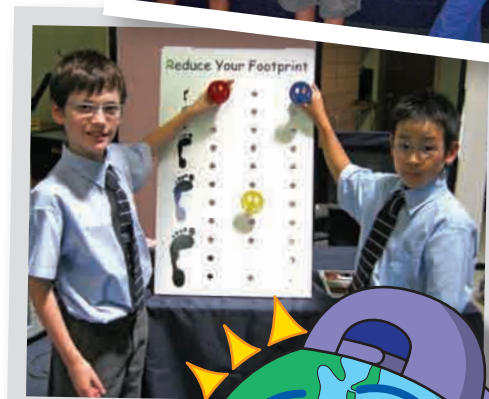
Send this amazingly talented young lady to every single school in NSW. She engaged all students using effective student interaction.

Yr 5, St Philomena's Primary, Bathurst Regional Council, 2011:

Don't change a thing. I thought the information and delivery was excellent. The children were engaged the whole time and really enjoyed the workshop- so did !!

Yr 6, Warwick Farm PS, Liverpool City Council, 2011:

The session was FANTASTIC. All students were 100% engaged and understood the message. Great management skills - excellent.



What do students think of EnviroMentors?



Yr 2, Greenwich PS, Lane Cove Council, 2011:

This is actually fun. I'm going to tell my dad to wash his boat on the grass. When we go on picnics my sister throws her rubbish on the ground. I'm going to tell her to pick it up.



Yr 6, St Ignatius College, Lane Cove Council, 2011:

The program showed solutions to pollution problems. We should hold on to our rubbish if there isn't a bin around. We should help clean up our waterways.



Yr 1, Koorinal PS, Wagga Wagga City Council, 2011:

I am going to type up all the information and put it up in my bedroom.

Year 3-6, Kingstown PS, Uralla Shire Council, 2011:

I'm going to think about what I waste. I'm going to remind Mum and Dad to recycle.

Yr 3, Blessed Sacrament School, Mosman Council, 2011:

It helped me learn about the environment. I really enjoyed the program.

Yr 5/6, Cowra PS, Cowra Shire Council, 2011:

Fascinating. Inspiring. Emotive. I learnt new stuff.



Why EnviroMentors - what are the benefits?

For councils, ROC's and other host organisations:

- A comprehensive and mobile primary school environmental education service
- Provision of all correspondence, promotion, school liaison, teaching and reporting
- Tailored workshops to address local issues and focus points that Council request
- Promotion of Council's services
- Provision of valuable and constructive feedback
- Liaison with Government Departments and sustainability networks, to ensure that content is always current and relevant

For schools:

- Promotion, consolidation and extension of positive environmental practices
- Syllabus linked outcomes
- Experienced and qualified educators deliver up to 4 x 1-hour workshops each day
- One class per workshop ensures achievement of educational outcomes and maintains program quality
- Activities are age-appropriate, interactive, stimulating and fun
- Provision of resource material such as worksheets (inc IWB), brochures, posters, certificates and newsletters
- Workshops contain AV/DVD/IWB components thus complementing technology use within schools

For the community:

- Increased awareness of waste and sustainability issues
- Enhanced understanding of the need for appropriate resource use and reduced consumption
- Clarification of local waste services
- Local issues and focus points highlighted
- Influence extended to the broader community, as participants are encouraged to teach others the new information they have learned.
- A shift towards more appropriate behaviours as a result of better understanding of environmental issues

How can I participate in EnviroMentors?

Councils, ROC's, other host organisations:

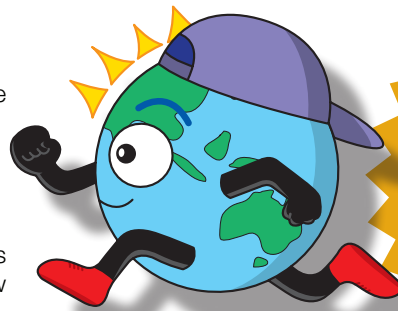
1. Complete the Booking Form which contains our fee structure. You can get your copy from:
 - Our website <http://www.kabnsw.org.au/programs/enviromentors.aspx>
 - Our office by calling (02) 9633 3380
2. Return this to Keep Australia Beautiful NSW by:
 - Email: education@kabnsw.org.au OR
 - Fax: (02) 9633 4402

Schools:

When a Council, ROC or other host organisation funds workshops into your local area, you will receive an information pack containing a School Registration Form.

- To secure your day, please complete this form ASAP and:
- Email to: education@kabnsw.org.au OR
 - Fax to: (02) 9633 4402

As our availabilities fill very quickly, we advise prompt action in returning these forms to avoid disappointment.



When analysing all costs, on average, **we are 30% cheaper,** than council delivered face to face environmental education.

We also provide the following services:

- promotional materials
- establishing worm farms, composts and no dig gardens
- school and business audits
- displays and activities at expos and fetes
- tailored community education projects
- and much more....

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