

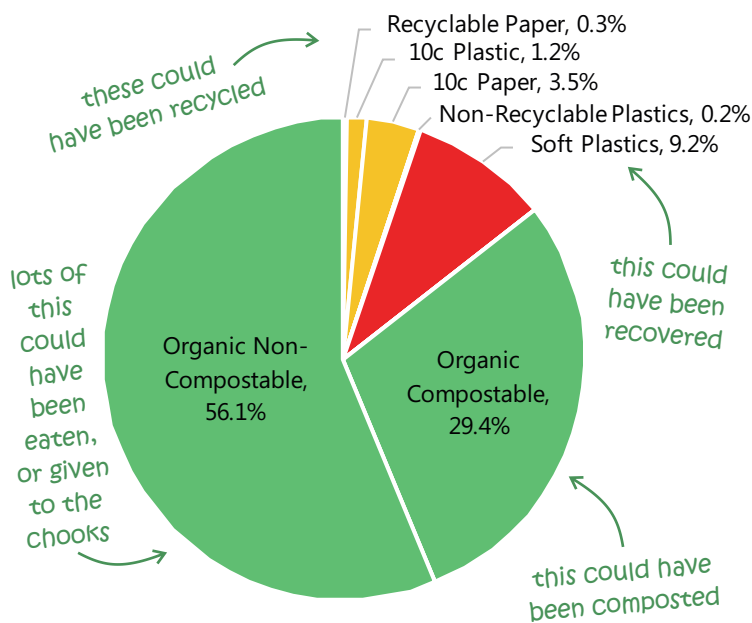
# WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

## CEDAR CREEK STATE SCHOOL

### WHAT'S IN OUR WASTE?

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 20 students from Years 2-5 took part in a 'What's In Your Waste?' audit activity. The students segregated the contents of a general waste bin and their findings are shown below.

Almost all of the materials found in the general waste bin (destined for landfill) could have been recovered through existing collection services at the school.



### EXISTING INITIATIVES

Cedar Creek State School has existing initiatives which help to reduce the amount of waste being sent to landfill by the school.

#### Rethink, Reduce, Reuse

The school has a book swap program, and has started incorporating Nude Food days to reduce waste in school lunch boxes.

#### Recycling

All rooms have been fitted with mixed recycling and soft plastics collection boxes. Bottles are also recycled in partnership with the local Scouts group.

#### Organics

Food scraps are collected for the school compost bins, chickens and guinea pigs. The school has also built worm farms out of reused materials.



**OUR BIGGEST GOAL:**  
Let's put things in the right bin!

### FUTURE GOALS

#### Signage

Students in the environmental club at Cedar Creek State School plan to create clear signage for all bins across campus. The signs will assist students and staff to identify which bin is best for items they choose to dispose of. Signs will be colour-coded and include helpful pictures.



#### Bin Monitors

Students have elected to trial a 'bin monitor' roster. The bin monitors will be responsible for helping students at lunch time to decide which bin to use for their "rubbish". Bin monitors will also inspect bin contents (lift lid and look, no touching required) to identify education opportunities. Roles will be assigned to student volunteers on a rostered basis.

#### Education

To help get everyone on board with reducing the school's waste to landfill, students are keen to spread the word about why it is important. Talks about waste will be held in classrooms and at assembly to promote awareness and engagement. Other tools such as short videos and artwork may also be developed to assist in teaching and learning.

## WATCH OUT WASTE

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