



Welcome to the Eco-Schools Australia newsletter for Term 2, 2021

Thank you to all our incredible Eco Schools members for sharing your eco journeys across Australia.

Although some of you had to return to online learning, we applaud your tenacity to continue working towards a greener, cleaner and stronger school and local community.

As we mark the halfway point in the school year, we invite those schools who are not yet Eco Schools members to take the opportunity to join this incredible global movement to share and learn about the wonderful projects being undertaken in Australian schools.

Visit our [website here](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to unleash your Eco Warrior today!



NEW: Curriculum links for Litter & Waste

We are super excited to announce new curriculum-linked Litter & Waste lesson plans for 2021!

These resources, aimed for students K-12, cover topics from waste reduction, reuse and recycling to lifecycles of waste, waste and food audits, and zero waste community building.

For more information and to download the resources, [CLICK HERE](#)



Eco Schools webinars

Thank you to all who attended our webinars!

For those who missed out on the opportunity and would like to learn more about Eco-Schools and the litter reduction grant programs, contact Marina at [marina\[at\]kab.org.au](mailto:marina[at]kab.org.au)



Congratulations!

A big congratulations to all the schools who are participating in the Litter Legends Campaign and the Young Reporters for the Environment competition. Read on to find out more about our litter reduction seed grant funding programs!

Litter Legends Campaign

Participate in the 2021 LLC and apply for a \$500 litter grant to kickstart a project to reduce litter and/or improve recycling in your community. When you join this project, you follow the Eco-Schools 7-step framework to carry out your campaign on litter, including monitoring litter and raising awareness of litter issues in the local community.

Young Reporters for the Environment competition

Participate in the 2021 YRE competition and apply for a \$250 litter grant to investigate a litter issue in your school ground and/or community, suggest a solution and report on it through the media of video, photo or article. YRE schools will plan a media campaign, report on social media and organize a Community Action Day involving parents and/or local stakeholders. At the end of the campaign, schools will carry out a survey to measure knowledge, behaviour and opinion leadership. Each submission (video, photo or article) will run for the national competition, the winners of which are then entered in the international competition (in 2018, Blacktown Girls High School in NSW achieved second place in the 11-14-year-old video category!). To see past international winners, [click here](#).

If you would like to learn more about either program or to take part, contact Marina [marina\[at\]kab.org.au](mailto:marina[at]kab.org.au).

Photo of Bullsbrook College students



VOLUNTEER PROFILE: Sarah Rowan, Social Media Manager for Eco-Schools Australia

Where are you from?

I'm a Sydney local, currently living in the Eastern Suburbs.

How long have you been volunteering with Eco-Schools?

I have been volunteering for a few short months now.

Why did you choose to volunteer with Keep Australia Beautiful and Eco-Schools?

I have always wanted to do my bit for the community, especially informing the community on ways to do their bit for our world. Eco-Schools Australia is a wonderful program that provides great opportunities and incentives for students and involved communities, helping everyone learn ways to ensure our world has a cleaner and better future.

What is a highlight of volunteering?

Definitely seeing how much of an impact schools involved are making, and the commitment they show.

How do you make sure you keep Australia beautiful?

I always try and find better solutions that I personally can adopt to reduce my carbon footprint. Understanding that I am part of the bigger picture inspires me to always do my best in protecting my environment.

What advice do you have for people wanting to make changes in their (littering) behaviour?

The first, and often hardest step in making changes is understanding your personal impact on the environment, and in turn knowing how changing your behaviours (for the better!) can make a big difference.



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