

Staff Development Program - Waste Education

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We are inviting staff from Early Learning Centres and kindergartens in Maroondah to participate in a three-week online waste education staff development program.

The staff development program will include three sessions hosted in an online format, with a different topic presented each week. More information on each of the sessions is provided over page.

The three webinars are designed to:

- link to the Early Years Learning Framework
- provide your staff with the knowledge required to use waste systems correctly
- empower staff to achieve behaviour change by avoiding waste to landfill and increasing reuse and recycling initiatives.

The information provided will be generic in nature, however attendees will be encouraged to bring their ideas and issues for discussion in the session. Participants are also welcome to contact our Waste Education team for additional queries or support in relation to waste services.

Early Learning Centres who have staff attend **all three sessions** will be provided with a variety of resources to assist their centre or kindergarten to reduce waste and improve their recycling. It does not need to be the same staff member in attendance at all three sessions and there is no limit on how many staff from your Centre or Kindergarten can attend.

Resources provided

- a compost bin or worm farm
- signs and posters for bins/bin areas
- display materials.



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Webinar details

Session 1 - Recycle Right

Wednesday 1 June, 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Online via Microsoft Teams

This introductory session will introduce the three-week program and eligibility for resources. The session will also cover the issues with waste, the benefits of recycling, what items are accepted in what bins and how to streamline waste systems.

Session 2 - Composting and Worm Farming

Wednesday 8 June, 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Online via Microsoft Teams

Learn how to set up and maintain a compost bin or worm farm system for your Centre/Kindergarten. You will learn what food and/or garden waste is acceptable in each system and how to approach some common troubleshooting issues.

Session 3 - Creating Change in ELCs

Wednesday 15 June, 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Online via Microsoft Teams

Educators will learn how to become change makers. The session will provide steps for developing an action plan and how to implement changes within the workplace, for both staff, children and the broader community. This session will also provide some support as to how to begin investigating waste generation at your centre or kindergarten in more detail.

Registration

Spaces in this program are limited and registration is essential. If you are interested in registering your centre or kindergarten for this program, please submit a registration form online via the [Waste Education page](#) on Council's website or contact Council's Waste Education Team via email at waste.education@maroondah.vic.gov.au by Friday 20 May.

Centres/kindergartens will receive a certificate of participation at the conclusion of the program.

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