Sustainability Guidelines

1. Purpose

In line with our Catholic ethos, we at Our Lady of Fatima believe that God's gift to us is the beauty of creation, and that it is our responsibility to respect and nurture the natural environment. We aim to educate our, students, staff, parents, and community to increase our awareness of being waste – wise through our sustainability initiatives. We want to achieve and establish environmental protections to meet the needs of current and future generations.

SOURCES OF AUTHORITY	
CECWA Policy	Education Policy
Executive Directive	Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting

2. Scope

These guidelines apply to all students in Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6.

3. Guidelines

We are committed to ensuring that we are a litter-free school, reducing the amount of waste we create, reusing as much as possible and recycling whatever we can. We do this so we can minimise the amount of waste we take to landfill and the school's footprint on our Earth through our sustainability initiatives.

The implementation of these guidelines aims to help us achieve the following goals:

- Reduce waste significantly through our whole school through the waste free lunch box initiative.
- Remove waste from school grounds by using our litter leaders to consistently collect waste and report on our progress at school assemblies.
- Reduce food/organic waste through the introduction of both worm farms and compost tumblers.
- Recycle, reduce, and reuse materials that are collected and sorted in the schools Recycle Station for school projects etc.

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Year Level Initiatives

Year Level	*Initiative names*	*Description of Sustainability Responsibilities*
6	Senior Litter Leaders	Students are responsible for collecting rubbish being left after recess and lunch in senior playgrounds. They will record and report back to the whole school at an assembly their findings, along with goals on how to reduce this litter in the future.
5	Waste Free Lunchbox Wonders	Students are responsible to monitor weekly waste free lunchboxes for all staff and students.
4	Worm Farm Warriors	Students to set and maintain a school worm farm. The collection of worm tea will be used in the schools established garden beds and then also in the fruit and vegetable gardens that will be set up soon.
3	Compost Champions	Students to set up and maintain a compost tumbler to make compost that will be used in the schools established garden beds and then also in the fruit and vegetable gardens that will be set up soon.
2	Recycle, Reuse or Reduce Waste Rebels	Students will be responsible to sort the school waste for the purpose to recycle or reuse throughout the school. They will set up a recycle station with the goal to sort out materials coming into the school that can be used for different projects in a variety of subjects that require them.
1	Junior Litter Leaders	Students are responsible for collecting any rubbish being left after recess and lunch in junior playgrounds. They will record and report back to year 6 leaders.
PP	Garden Gurus	Setting up and maintaining a fruit and vegetable gardens. The produce grown will be used in classrooms for educational purposes and that not used, will be used for worms, or placed in the compost tumbler to close the loop on organic recycling.

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