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### **Dalkeith Primary students learn how to 'recycle right'**

Embracing the theme 'recycle right', 259 Dalkeith Primary students from years one to six recently participated in a range of waste education activities with City of Nedlands Waste Services.

A series of interactive activities helped the students in identifying common waste items and how to recycle the items correctly.

"It is a priority at Dalkeith Primary School that our students understand their consumer decisions have an impact on the environment." Said HASS teacher leader, Nadine Jackson.

Students took part in games where they sorted piles of waste such as plastic bottles, cardboard and food scraps and assessed where each item should go. "This activity was particularly helpful with the recent changes to the recycling sector, mainly affecting the non-recycling of soft plastics" said City of Nedlands Waste Minimisation Coordinator, Chaminda Mendis.

In a fun activity called the battery relay, students competed in who was the fastest to move all the batteries from a pretend landfill to a battery recycling bin. "Students learnt that over 90 per cent of a battery can be recycled, however a significant amount end up in landfill, and we want to change that" Mr Mendis said.

The City has now pledged a battery recycling bin to Dalkeith Primary School for disposing of used household batteries.

This curriculum is part of the Waste-Wise Program the City is presenting to primary schools within the City of Nedlands. "We want to ensure local, practical and relevant knowledge is shared with students, so they can gain an understanding of how waste management affects their suburb and their local environment" says Mr Mendis.

"This ties in with the City's own Waste Minimisation Strategy, as we work with the community to ensure waste materials are thought of in terms of a resource to be recovered, reused and recycled wherever possible to maintain cost competitive waste charges for our residents" he said.

Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said the activities highlighted the importance of recycling to the students – something the City was committed to. "The waste education program encourages young people to be custodians of their environment, and set in place positive habits from an early age" he said.



**Image:** Dalkeith Primary School Year 4 'Worm Farm Warriors' pictured with City of Nedlands Waste Minimisation Coordinator Chaminda Mendis.

*Back row:* Joseph Esler, Victoria Van Helden, Zara Fairweather

*Front row:* Charlotte Khorshid, Bella Monteleone, Hugh O'Neill, Elia Pondaag.

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#### **About the City of Nedlands**

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from Perth and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the edge of the Indian Ocean. A population of more than 21,000 lives in the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

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