

# Bin Systems Assessment for Students

In **60 minutes** a team of students will assess the bin systems in **3 locations** in the school:

1 average classroom    1 outdoor area    1 irregular space such as a staff room, art/science room or cafeteria

## How:

1. Record the location you are assessing
2. For each type of bin you find in the area, work your way down the list of questions and record your answers.

**Pro-tip!** Work together to find the best way to answer each question – give as much information as possible

3. If you don't know the answer to a question, how do you think you could find out? Who would you need to ask?

## Notes:

- **Anything in the wrong bin?** This question is about **contamination** such as food wrappers in the 10c or compost collections, or clean paper in the landfill bin. Give examples where you can.
- **Does it have a sign?** Is there signage showing what belongs in the bin/container? Does the sign have words/ pictures, or both?
- **Who empties it?** Who in the school empties this bin/container? Is it cleaners, staff, students, the groundskeeper? **How could you find out?**
- **How often is it emptied?** Does the container/bin get emptied every day? Once a week? Which days are they emptied into larger containers?
- **Emptied to where?** When this bin is emptied, does it go into a skip? A wheelie bin? Does it go into a compost bin or feed the school chickens?
- **How is it taken away?** Who collects the larger bins/skips? Is it a contractor that collects it? Do staff members take materials away - 10c collection to recycling depot, food scraps home to chooks? When are they collected? **How could you find out?**



## Bin Systems Assessment: Area 1 - classroom

If there is more than 1 collection here, how are they arranged?

LOCATION:						
SYSTEM	LANDFILL	PAPER/CARD	MIXED RECYCLING	10c COLLECTION	COMPOST/ ORGANICS	OTHER
DESCRIBE THE BIN						
HOW MANY ARE THERE?						
IS IT USED OR IGNORED?						
ANYTHING IN THE WRONG BIN?						
DOES IT HAVE A SIGN?						
WHO EMPTIES IT?						
HOW OFTEN IS IT EMPTIED?						
EMPTIED TO WHERE?						
HOW IS IT TAKEN AWAY?						

## Bin Systems Assessment: Area 2 - outdoors

If there is more than 1 collection here, how are they arranged?

LOCATION:						
SYSTEM	LANDFILL	PAPER/CARD	MIXED RECYCLING	10c COLLECTION	COMPOST/ ORGANICS	OTHER
DESCRIBE THE BIN						
HOW MANY ARE THERE?						
IS IT USED OR IGNORED?						
ANYTHING IN THE WRONG BIN?						
DOES IT HAVE A SIGN?						
WHO EMPTIES IT?						
HOW OFTEN IS IT EMPTIED?						
EMPTIED TO WHERE?						
HOW IS IT TAKEN AWAY?						

## Bin Systems Assessment: Area 3 - irregular

If there is more than 1 collection here, how are they arranged?

**ROADWATCH**

ADOPT A ROAD

wipe out waste

MARS WRIGLEY

Litter less

LOCATION:						
SYSTEM	LANDFILL	PAPER/CARD	MIXED RECYCLING	10c COLLECTION	COMPOST/ ORGANICS	OTHER
DESCRIBE THE BIN						
HOW MANY ARE THERE?						
IS IT USED OR IGNORED?						
ANYTHING IN THE WRONG BIN?						
DOES IT HAVE A SIGN?						
WHO EMPTIES IT?						
HOW OFTEN IS IT EMPTIED?						
EMPTIED TO WHERE?						
HOW IS IT TAKEN AWAY?						

## Notes for later:

Use this space to write any questions you had during the assessment, and anything that you couldn't work out/discover.

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