



Fact Sheet for Schools and Day Care Centres

Thank you for your efforts to make your centre/school more sustainable. At RED Group, we are very supportive of your efforts to educate and encourage young people to reduce their impact on the environment.

Can we have a REDcycle drop-off bin at our school?

At present, the RED Group is not set up to offer collection services to schools, day care centres or other businesses due to logistical reasons. We encourage everyone to utilise our existing network.

Where are REDcycle drop-off points located?

There are more than 630 participating supermarkets around Australia. To find the drop off point nearest you, go to <http://redcycle.net.au/redcycle/locator>

Running a soft plastic recycling scheme at your school

Quite a few schools around Australia have developed their own soft plastic recycling scheme, either posting their collected soft plastic to us or having someone take it to the school's closest participating REDcycle supermarket.

What happens to the plastic once it's dropped off to REDcycle?

RED Group brings collected plastic back to our facility for initial processing and then it is delivered to Victorian based manufacturer, Replas (www.replas.com.au). Replas uses the material as the resource to produce a huge range of recycled-plastic products, from fitness circuits to sturdy outdoor furniture, to bollards and signage.

Can our school purchase recycled plastic products?

Recycled plastic furniture from Replas can be purchased at any time. View the vast product range at www.replas.com.au. The seats and outdoor settings are perfect for use in schools as they are maintenance-free!

Can our school have a Replas product made out of the plastic we collect?

No. As all the soft plastics collected by REDcycle gets mixed together, it would not be possible to have something manufactured with the exact plastic collected at your school.

Competitions and School Programs

At present, there are no competitions or school programs running at the moment.

Soft plastic recycling videos for students

Scope TV. Great for older children

https://youtu.be/_nX8_FYx4kY

Totally Wild video explains the REDcycle Program. Great for younger children.

<https://youtu.be/dM7vQsOQ550>

How much soft plastic has RED Group collected?

RED Group has collected enough pieces of soft post-consumer packaging to circle Australia two and a half times.

(Assuming an average size of 25cm per item, we've collected approximately 66 million metres of plastic packaging laid end to end. The coastline of Australia is 25,760,000 metres.)

That's over 263 million pieces of plastic that'll never end up in landfill, on our beaches or in our waterways.

With a total weight of over 1054 tonnes, that's equivalent to 264 elephants (weighing 4 tonnes each).

It takes the equivalent of 12,500 plastic bags and pieces of soft plastic packaging to produce a Replas bench like this one*.



* Assuming each piece of plastic packaging weights 4 grams.