



Water-saving tips for schools



Australia is one of the driest continents in the world. That's why water conservation should be a high priority. Knowing how to help save water within schools, and getting children on board, is the first step in reducing water use.



1. Get the students involved in the classroom

School classrooms and grounds are a great place to start teaching children about water-saving. Get students involved by putting water conservation on their radar:

- ✓ Encourage students to report leaking taps and toilets to their teachers.
- ✓ Put colourful and engaging signs near bathroom basins asking students to turn off the tap as they wash their hands.
- ✓ Have students wash their dirty art paint brushes in a bucket of water rather than under a running tap.
- ✓ Ask students to pour any leftover water from their water bottle at the end of the school day into the garden on their way out.



2. Create a water conservation-aware school community

Raise awareness of water conservation among students and their parents and educate them to be mindful of their water use at school and home. Consider implementing some of these awareness-raising ideas:

- ✓ Invite a specialist (water manager or water scientist) as a guest speaker to deliver an educational talk on what students can be doing differently at home and at school to help save water.
- ✓ Teach students about the water cycle.
- ✓ Develop a water conservation program and share the water-saving progress and achievements with the school community.



3. Train and engage the staff

Get staff on board by:

- ✓ offering water audit training sessions
- ✓ incorporating an appropriate water conservation policy and procedures training program for staff.



4. Install the right equipment

Ensure the school has the right water-efficient pumping fixtures, such as:

- ✓ rainwater tanks, which can be connected to toilets or used for school gardens and vegetable patches
- ✓ aerators on taps, which reduce the amount of water coming out of the tap by up to 50%.



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