

SCHOOL OF BOTANY AND ZOOLOGY



THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

The Low down on Recycling in BoZo

As a School we aim to **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle** as much material as possible. We have systems in place to reduce our use of resources such as our reverse osmosis distilled water systems which produce less than 5% waste water as opposed to the abolished traditional distilled water systems which wasted over 90%. We expect all staff and students to do what they can to reduce and reuse materials where ever possible and to make suggestions as to what else we may be able to do as a department. The information below covers what you should do with any waste you still have after reducing and reusing!!

If we all do our bit to Reduce/Reuse/Recycle, then we will make a difference.

Please note material for recycling should not be left in the corridors, please dispose of it as described below. Do ask a staff member for assistance if required.

Glass

Glass drink bottles may be placed in the glass recycling, or mixed **recycling wheelie bins** near the Tea Room for recycling.

Please note that **laboratory glass (Pyrex) is not suitable for recycling**, and if it is found within a batch of otherwise recyclable glass then the whole lot is deemed unusable and is dumped. Hence lab glass **must go in the dumpster** (keep it separate from general rubbish for the safety of the cleaners).

Glass Chemical bottles may be placed in the wheelie bins outside workshop for recycling as long as they have been triple rinsed (**all residues removed- and the waste dealt with appropriately**) and the lids removed.

Aluminium Cans

These may be placed in the **wheelie bins** with yellow lids (mixed recycling) near the Tea Room.

Polystyrene

- Boxes/Eskies: These are going to be reused by Fisher Biotech.

- Packing bubbles/figure of 8 things: These can be collected (in a box or plastic bag, and put in B1) and then will be reused by a packaging company (Pack and Send).
- Flat Sheets: These can also be collected and reused by the packaging company.
- Other Packaging shapes: eg from around computers/equipment. There is no where to reuse/recycle this material, so please take it directly to the dumpster.

Plastic

Plastic bottles etc may be placed in the wheelie bins with yellow lids (mixed recycling) near the Tea Room, or out by the dumpster.

Pipette tip boxes may be recycled, and if any lab needs new boxes, then Fisher Biotec are happy to provide you with carton loads for free.

Cardboard Boxes

There are now 2 **trash packs** by the dumpster specifically for cardboard, so please **collapse all boxes**, and place them in these packs-**not in the dumpster**. NB the cleaners put anything left by the bins in the dumpster, so you must take cardboard recycling to the trash packs yourself.

Paper

As I am sure you are all aware there are several ways to recycle your paper waste.

One-sided paper may be placed in the colourful boxes in the photocopy room for reuse (made into student notepads).

Any other clean paper waste (except phone books and cardboard) can go in the blue paper chase wheelie bins.

You may have noticed that the school is now stocking all photocopiers and printers with EXP Green Paper which is high quality and 50% recycled material.

Metal

Much of the **old equipment, chairs** and other furniture contain a significant quantity of metal. Any material of this nature can be placed behind the dumpster. Please speak to the workshop if you need help moving large items, or if it is electrical equipment (so they can render it safe prior to disposal).