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Central
Coast
Council

School Water Conservation



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At your school

Our water is a precious resource and if we each use a little less every day, we can help secure our water supply for years to come.

There are over 100 schools in the Central Coast using water for ovals, gardens, drinking, cleaning, bathrooms, canteens and in classrooms. Some of the highest usage occurs in the bathrooms and during irrigation for ovals and gardens.

The Central Coast has a daily water use target of 150 litres per person. By aiming for this and using water wisely at school, you will help to ensure water for the future!

Bathroom/Change Rooms

One running toilet can waste 50 litres of water every day!

Here's a few simple ways to save water:

- 💧 report running toilets, taps and showers to the maintenance team
- 💧 make sure taps are turned off completely after use
- 💧 use the half flush button on the toilet.

50%
of water used
at school is for
outside activities

live to
150L



WATER RATING
www.waterrating.gov.au

Tip: Always choose electrical appliances which have a high WELS star rating. These will save both energy and water!



Classroom & Kitchen

Many classrooms, staff rooms and canteens have taps and sinks for activities, cleaning and hand washing. Here are some tips to help reduce the water used in the classroom:

- 💧 fill a sink with water to wash all the items at once
- 💧 have one container of water to share for activities and cleaning
- 💧 never leave the tap running unnecessarily.
- 💧 a water efficient dish washer is the best way to clean dishes

Leaking taps

A leaking bubbler or tap can waste litres of water every day.

Schools can reduce the water wasted from bubblers and taps by:

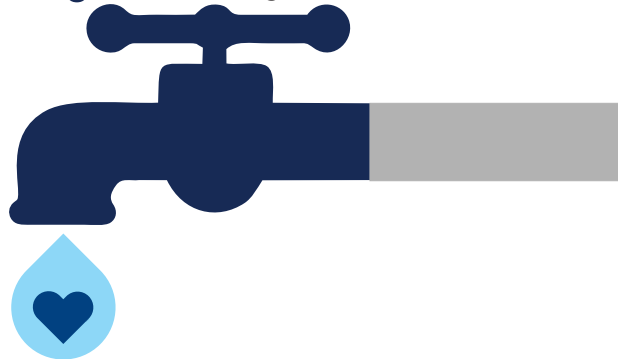
- 💧 checking bubblers and taps regularly
- 💧 fixing drips by replacing the tap washer



Gardens and ovals

Here are some simple ways schools can save water and still have thriving gardens and ovals:

- 💧 choose native and drought tolerant plants
- 💧 apply mulch, compost or wetting agents to the soil to reduce water loss
- 💧 use a rainwater tank or greywater for irrigation
- 💧 try watering in the cool of dawn or dusk and use a trigger nozzle
- 💧 avoid fixed hoses or sprinklers
- 💧 rotate watering sections



- 💧 install water blades or aerators to taps
- 💧 encouraging students to fill-up water bottles instead of drinking directly of the bubbler

Give Your Tank A Health Check!

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Follow our maintenance schedule to keep your tank operating at peak efficiency.

Key:

Every
1-3Mths

Every
3-6Mths

Every
2-3Yrs

Prune
overhanging
tree branches
and foliage

Check for torn
or loose mosquito
screens & replace
if necessary
Put screens back
carefully, ensuring
they are tightly
refitted

Check and
clean inlet &
outlet screens

Make sure screens
are tight fitting with
no tears. Replace or
repair if necessary

Remove
accumulated
sediment (sludge).
Clean out if
necessary.

Clean
gutters, rain
heads, tank
inlets and
screens

Check
for leaks in
gutters, pipes &
the storage tank
and repair any
damage

Check tank
for physical
defects, evidence
of animal/insect
access & algae
growth

Clean
and check
the first flush
device and
all filters

Check and
clean pump
filters and
strainers

Check roof
and gutters and
remove accumulated
debris, including
leaf and other
plant materials

Water restrictions may apply. For more information visit
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