



2009 Melaleuca Awards

Recognising Environmental Excellence



2009 WINNER

Chairman's Prize

Papunya School Turning trash into treasure



At Papunya School a whole lot of thinking and talking about rubbish has resulted in less waste being taken to the tip – and has created valuable compost for the school gardens and the community's aged care facilities.

The students analysed the contents of the trailer taking rubbish to the tip and discovered that most of the waste was paper and food from the breakfast and lunch program.

Following the introduction of composting and other bins, the amount of waste has reduced and the groundsman's job is much easier.

Now the school community is thinking about its next project to use the compost they're creating: maybe starting a new garden, planting more trees at the school or helping with the aged care garden.

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