



## Rai - Expanding the bin options for better results

### What was your goal and what did you achieve this year?

My project this year was to get three individual bins – food scraps, soft plastics, 10c containers - for each community in our school, and compost bins. I wanted to do this because I saw that there was a lot of litter that can be recycled or composted.

My teacher bought me the bins with her own money. I asked the other teachers and went around to their classes and explained to them what to do and what to put in the bins before it started. When I put the bins into the classes, they got the hang of it very naturally because some of their teachers were familiar with it. One of the primary school teachers already had a soft plastics bin so the other bins fitted in really well. The compost bays are in the garden, and we add the food scraps and mix them with equipment.

### Your biggest success so far?

It's been really effective, everybody has been going along with the plan. The biggest thing I've learnt is not many people are actually educated about this sort of thing, and it's really good to give them a heads up and tell them because they don't really know. When they put the ten cent cans in the bin, for example, they don't know it can be recycled.

### Next steps

I've told my class about how it has been going, but it would be good to tell other classes in the school. We haven't got the money for the cans yet - we're waiting to collect a huge amount first then we're going to take it to the recycling place and get the money back.

### Your advice to other students?

I'd get bigger bins and put the food scraps bins outside because the flies got into the classrooms. I ended up emptying them everyday because of the flies.

*This case study was transcribed from an interview. These are Rai's words and opinions.*