



Rushton 2021 - Changing bin behaviours to reduce landfill

Goals for the year

This year Rushton focussed on the rubbish at his school and how to deal with it better, because last year the student council did a bin audit and nearly everything was above average for waste to landfill. He started an environmental group, who then surveyed people's knowledge about what goes into particular bins. Rushton also met with the school's Sustainability Committee and had a few meetings with the school's Business Manager about what they could do with the bins.

The local council recently rolled out green bins for food organics/green organics and provided 13 to the school. The survey asked the school community where they wanted the bins, and got some baseline data about their knowledge of bin systems. To encourage more recycling of 10c containers, the school's canteen has set up a collection bin with a basketball ring and backboard.

Promoting the project

The engaging 'Vin's Bins' posters and a game are ways that Rushton is engaging others with the new bins systems. He has been talking with his teacher about the local council's 'take a pledge' sustainability project, and they agree it would be good to enter and then try and get an article in the local paper.

Next steps

A movie about the bins is next on Rushton's list, so kids can see which bin to use and where the bins are located around the school. The environmental group is planning to do another bin audit in 2022, to measure the success of the new bin systems.