



## Sana 2021 - sharing views on sustainability and fast fashion

### Goals for the year

Sana's focus this year was reducing waste in her school and local community. A bin audit by the student leadership team at the beginning of the year indicated a lot of unfinished lunches and recyclables were being sent to landfill. As a result, many of the school's projects, including Sana's, focussed on educating the school community and avoiding unnecessary waste.

The students had additional side projects including implementing garden beds and 2022 project planning with the school environmental group.

### Biggest success or achievement

In response to the waste audit results, a lot more students including Sana, began sharing their views on sustainability and educating themselves and others. Sana said that she and others gave presentations sharing relevant statistics and suggestions for how people could incorporate more sustainable habits into their own lives. The school students were able to incorporate these sustainability ideas into their service project which raised funds for World Vision.

They set up 10 cent container recycling bins around their school so that students could divert their recycling from landfill, and also support their fundraising project.

The students also organised sustainability-focussed activities at the Christmas Fair, including an Op Shop stall where people could donate and purchase second hand clothing, and a stall selling beeswax wraps as an alternative to single-use plastics.

### Others involved

The projects that Sana and other students implemented, engaged their whole school community. The students' waste and recycling presentations were made to individual classes, year levels and the whole school, and their stalls and recycling bins also involved the wider community. Sana said the garden beds and compost bins installed were also used in Food and Nutrition classes, including the use of their own grown produce.

### Promotion and awareness

Leading up to the fair, Sana and the other students-delivered a lot of advertisements about the event, inviting people to join them. They promoted the benefits of buying secondhand, and shared information about the issues of fast fashion and pollution. They raised awareness for these issues by enabling people to learn about the benefits of new behaviours. They also provided opportunities to buy secondhand from their stall and implement other sustainable habits.