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### The Solving Organic Waste Project

We are excited to share with you that that in 2025 our school is participating in a project looking to Solve Organic Waste (SOW) in schools.

Did you know that:

* In NSW alone that we send 1.2 million tonnes a year of organic waste to landfill?
* Organic waste in landfill contributes to 3% of Australia’s total greenhouse gas emissions?
* We waste water equivalent to 5 times that in Sydney Harbour on food we bin?
* And that the land used to grow wasted food is over 25 million hectares – bigger than the whole of Victoria?

We want to be part of the solution and start making a difference by minimising the amount of food waste our school sends to landfill… not to mention putting an end to the waste of money from binning food.

SOW is a pilot program running in 10 Central Coast schools funded under the EPA Business Food Waste Partnerships Grants Program to help us better manage food waste at school and is supported by the sustainability team at the Department of Education and Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre.

Food waste separation and management systems will be set up and students will be taught about the impacts of food waste. Food waste will be managed on site in composts and worm farms as well as collected for commercial composting. We will also investigate ways of reducing the amount of food waste generated.

A couple of our staff attended professional learning at the Kariong Eco-Gardens at the start of term and are keen to get started. If you would like to be involved, please contact NAME on XXXX XXX XXX or email address.