

**Green Canteen Challenge 2018  
Participated schools**

**2018 Winners**

- Woodport Public School
- Pretty Beach Public School
- Brisbane Water Secondary College – Umina Campus

**Primary Schools**

**Secondary Schools**

Blue Haven  
Brisbania  
Coast Christian School  
Ettalong  
Gosford East  
Gwandalan  
Holgate

Kariong  
Killarney Vale  
Manning Park  
Niagara Park  
Pretty Beach  
Woodport  
Wyoming  
Wyong Creek  
Woy Woy South

Brisbane Water Secondary College – Umina  
Campus  
Gosford  
Kariong Mountains  
Lisarow  
Northlakes  
St Edward’s College  
Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College – The  
Entrance

## Green Canteen Achievements 2018



### Woodport Public School

**GREEN CANTEEN AWARD**

We are proud to announce that our canteen has been awarded “Best Newcomer and Most Improved Green Canteen” on the Central Coast from the Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre. Last year we decided to change our polystyrene cups and hot food boxes to recyclable cardboard ones and introduce a school vegetable garden from which we use the produce in the canteen in order to further educate the students on environmental awareness alongside the school programs.

We completed the “Boomerang Alliance Plastic in Schools Survey” earlier this year and this is how they recognised our improvements to the canteen. Later this year we will discontinue using plastic straws replacing them with paper ones, once again showing our commitment to educating our students here at Woodport Public School.

We have now been invited to the “School Annual Sustainability Leaders Forum” and we will receive a plaque for the school and some sustainable cutlery for the canteen as our prize.

We plan to continue to make progress this year on reducing plastic waste in our school.

### Lisarow High School

*We use minimal plastic containers. We recycle soft plastics at Coles and or Woolies*

### BWSC Umina, Canteen Manager

**Q5 Any other comments?**

Have found the compostible cutlery a tiny bit more expensive but as a school we think this is definitely worth it. The SRC students hel in the canteen during breaks and are keen to run the food scrap composting in th worm farm that we have installed over at the school farm. Also once we get this operational, the Food Technology department is waiting to participate also. And the SRC have plans to teach the students to donate their fruit and vegetable scraps from lunch to collection points around the school. Baby steps.

## Wyoming PS

Wyoming Public School canteen has been working hard helping educate our students on environmental awareness , we have loved using our new wooden spoons and have been encouraging our kids to return their used containers for washing and reusing . We have a great vegetable patch and this season we are enjoying juicy watermelons grown here at school , our Environment club students are very involved in composting and canteen have been keeping the watermelon & fruit scraps for our worm farm & compost patch . Be fantastic - use less plastic !! Annette Sharp ( Canteen manager-



## St Edwards College, Sue

**Please share any other feedback about "How green is your canteen?" and how we could improve.**

Hi weve moved to enviro friendly or recycable packaging over all areas of the canteen.  
All my packaging is now biopack.  
Really only plastic now is drinks. Grrr  
Ive even got the staff composting and thinking about 1 use plastic.  
The school has a program running with the students as well.

## Peats Ridge PS, Amanda

*With only 25 students, we don't have a proper canteen but our Y6 leaders run 'Kids in the Kitchen' twice/wk. We've recently changed from single-use plastic cups and spoons for 'jelly cups' to washable/re-usable and fruit kebabs on wooden skewers.*

## Ettalong PS, Cheryl

**4. What support would you like to keep greening your school and canteen? (You can choose more than one)**

help with school composting or worm farming  
help with choosing 'greener' products to purchase  
help with bottle & can collection for 10c refunds  
posters and signage to support the message  
professional development about avoiding waste  
student programs about plastic pollution  
more incentives and rewards for taking action  
stories about the problems of plastic in local media