

How we
reduced
single - use
plastics at EC



Most recyclable plastics do not actually get recycled.

- **Some are illegally burnt in the third world countries**
- **Some are not worth recycling**
- **Some are contaminated**
- **Some have reached the end of their recycling life**



Practical tips from EC:

1. Everyone brings a water bottle (& tell parents).

Start with an AUDIT– ask why people (both students and staff) buy bottled water.

- E.g. Do they run out of water by the afternoon games?

Get adults on board (e.g. a group of dedicated teachers, Principal, Bursar, Chef, Maintenance Team) – you will need their cooperation to make a big change.

Adapt water fountains for bottle
refills or purchase the ones which
take water bottles.



Have random checks (and sweet rewards) for tutor groups with 100% students having a water bottle that day.



Eliminate single-use plastics from your Refectory

BYO container for take outs – **no Styrofoam!**

- Replace plastic packaging with biodegradables where possible
- **Stop selling bottled water and drinks in plastic bottles**
- Replace single use plastic containers for fruits and deserts with reusable ones



Get an ice water cooler for Refectory

Very popular especially in summer!

Sports Day without single-use plastics

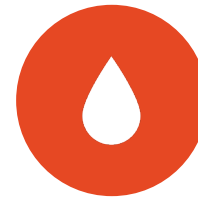
How to feed and water 600 students?



All BYO water bottle –
send newsletter info
home to parents



Rethink what you serve:



Have a big water cooler
and bottles of squash



Veggie burgers & meat
burgers, yogurts, ice
creams – can be served
without plates



Provide only serviettes &
bamboo cutlery



Washable cups for tea &
coffee for teachers

*One school can make a big difference.
Lots of schools can make a HUGE one!*

