

Kids4Kids Sustainability Conference - 2012

The 2012 Kids4Kids Sustainability Conference was held at Stanley Burbury Theatre , UTAS Hobart on Wednesday, 28th November, 2012. This is the 4th year the highly successful K4K Conference has been held. There were 400 students registered for the conference. These students were drawn from Southern Tasmanian schools from Prep to Grade 10.

There were two streams to the conference:-

- The first was a focus on environmental sustainability -waste/litter management and its impacts within communities, around Tasmania's coastline and environment.
- The second was a strong focus on Kids teaching kids about these issues – hence students conducted interactive workshops for their peers about issues, ideas and solutions.

Ruth Whelan from **Keep Australia Beautiful Tasmania** (KABTas) undertook two workshops for students and their teachers regarding litter recognition and reduction strategies. Teachers were provided with Litter Less teaching materials, Waste Education Resource Index for Teachers both provided by The Wrigley Company, KESAB and KABTas. Also provided was the Clean Up Book and a number of posters provided by the Packaging Stewardship Forum of the Australian Food and Grocery Council.

The workshops were well attended with excellent interaction from the students.



Background

This event brings together schools, industry partners and decision makers to celebrate and promote sustainable practices in schools.

Students and teachers can:-

- share their sustainability stories
- learn from other schools through student led workshops
- participate in environmental workshops
- recognise National Recycling Week
- hear about opportunities to develop sustainability as a cross curricula priority of the National Curriculum
- engage with Hobart City Council (HCC) representatives to learn about the significant role HCC plays in the management of public reserves and park lands in Hobart.
- identify HCC community support networks such as Friends of groups that could be accessed by schools
- discover HCC Community development and Climate Change initiatives and supports
- familiarize students with UTAS and its facilities
- experience the new Sustainability Learning Centre
- discuss environmental issues with lead stakeholders in local government and the Tasmanian government