



NSW Container Deposit Scheme

Schools

Return and Earn offers fundraising opportunities for school communities

What is Return and Earn?

From 1 December 2017 anyone who returns an eligible drink container* to an approved NSW collection point will receive a 10 cent refund.

The Return and Earn Scheme will help to reduce litter in NSW and contribute to the Premier's priority goal of reducing litter by 40 per cent by 2020.

The Scheme provides a great way for students and the community to be involved in recycling, reducing litter, and raising money for the school community.

How can schools fundraise through Return and Earn?

Collection drives

Schools can run collection drives for eligible drink containers through school families and redeem these for 10 cents each at an approved collection point. Your nearest collection point can be found at www.returnandearn.org.au.

Become a donation partner

Schools can register to become a donation partner on their local Reverse Vending Machine (RVM). In this way, the local community can directly support the school by donating their refunds when they return their containers to the machine.

Donation partners will be listed on an RVM for approximately three months, although listings may be rotated more frequently to align with local fundraising drives, awareness raising activities or other events.

Information on registering to become a donation partner on the RVM network is at www.returnandearn.org.au.

Host your own collection point

Schools may elect to host their own collection point within school grounds. This would be supported by a participating local collection point operator, who would work with the school to provide support material, pick up collected containers from the school, and ensure the proceeds of the collection (10 cents for each container) go back to the school.

Where can I find more information?

This fact sheet outlines just some of the ways that schools can benefit from participation in the Return and Earn Scheme. Contact the Scheme's network operator to find out more about how your school can get involved.

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* Most 150ml to three litre beverage containers are eligible for a 10 cent refund provided they are made from glass, plastic, aluminium, steel or liquid paperboard. Containers should be empty, uncrushed, unbroken, and have the original label intact. The eligibility of beverage containers generally aligns with containers that are eligible under the SA or NT schemes. Many will therefore have the SA or NT scheme refund marking if they are currently sold in those markets.