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STUDENTS LEARN TO 'RECYCLE RIGHT'

The State Government has introduced a teaching resource to help newly arrived migrants learn about the importance of recycling.

Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation Paul Caica has launched a teaching resource to help students from non English speaking backgrounds learn how to 'recycle right' using real-world activities based on South Australia's popular three-bin system.

"The State Government has developed the teaching resource which recognises that many newly arrived migrants have come from countries where recycling and waste bin collection did not exist," he said.

"This resource introduces students to the three-bin system which is used by many South Australian councils to separate green organics, recyclables and general waste. This is a fundamental part of our approach to managing waste."

Mr Caica said students will learn about how to recycle correctly and what happens to the materials once they leave their kerbside.

"These lessons range from simple lessons through to complex and more difficult concepts. They can be taught across an entire term or as isolated activities," he said.

"South Australians lead the nation when it comes to recycling and waste management and by using this Recycle Right resource we can build on this."

Mr Caica said the teaching resource was initially created and developed by KESAB environmental solutions with assistance from the Port Adelaide Enfield Council.

"In 2010 as part of the Recycle Right campaign Zero Waste SA approached KESAB to update the resource," he said.

"The program has been piloted by English Language Centre at TAFE SA (Adelaide) and will be rolled out to schools and tertiary institutions that offer English as a second language?"

"All Zero Waste SA staff involved in developing the resource have a non-English speaking background themselves and were able to use their experiences in these activities."

The resources is available from the Recycle Right website at www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au