

# Australasian Recycling Label

The Australasian Recycling Label makes it easy to put your packaging in the right bin.

## Activity sheet task

Print and hand-out the [Australasian Recycling Label activity sheet](#) to students. Talk to the students about the label before they complete the sheet, if you can find an example of packaging with the label on, to hand around to the students, this will help their understanding.

Here is a list of brands where you will be able to find the [Australasian Recycling Label](#):

- JJ Burrows (Stationary)
- Jatz (Food)
- Tim Tams (Chocolates)
- OMO (Detergent)
- Surf (Detergent)
- Dove (bodywash)

Main points to get across are:

**What is it?** The label provides easy to understand evidence-based instructions about how to correctly dispose of every part of your product's packaging, so you know which parts belong in recycling, the rubbish or if it is conditionally recyclable, and you should follow the instructions provided.

**Why do we need it?** Unlike other labels, the ARL is evidence-based, which means that the recyclability of a package that has the label, has been assessed. Since it tells you what to do with each separable component of your package, we can now keep contamination out of the waste stream and recyclable material away from landfill.

**Where is it?** The label is now on hundreds of items in major retail stores, ranging from milk bottles to yoghurt tubs, chip packets to laundry bottles.

**What next?** Look out for products with the label on at home or in the supermarket and tell your friends and family about the label.

This task can be expanded to talk about packaging in general, reducing using it, recycling where possible, so that new products can be made from old ones and lastly putting rubbish in the bin so it doesn't get into our waterways or natural environment where it can be harmful.

**To enter** our competition all you need to do is send us a photo of the students with their completed activity sheets and any other information you'd like to share with us about the activity. Don't forget to tell us the name of your school, class, contact details.

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