



**Information current as at 26 September 2018. Please note the scheme is in the development stage of the pilot and P&Cs Qld will continue to provide updates as they become available.*

When will the Container Refund Scheme (CRS) start?

The scheme starts on 1 November 2018.

P&C's Qld Pilot Program

P&Cs Qld, with the support from the Department of Education, is exploring the participation of Queensland state schools as collection points and beneficiaries for the Container Refund Scheme through the implementation of an on-site pilot program of approximately 30 state schools. P&Cs Qld will select pilot schools to represent a good mix of special, primary and secondary schools, with a wide metropolitan and regional reach.

The state school system is a complex environment in which to operate the scheme, with considerations including child safety, workplace roles and responsibilities, site risk mitigation and equitable access to the scheme to benefit a majority of state schools through both on-site and off-site collection.

- P&Cs Qld proposes to support Queensland state schools and P&Cs to benefit from the CRS using a network of donation sites.
- P&Cs Qld intends to produce marketing and education materials for P&Cs, principals and school communities to help them maximise the effectiveness of each school's refund program.
- The scheme commences on 1 November and the P&Cs Qld pilot will extend until the 5 April 2019. From Term 1 2019, P&Cs Qld intends to expand the number of schools participating in on-site collection.

It is our aim to ensure that every P&C has a chance to access and benefit from the scheme, which aligns with our vision of **every child having every chance** for success. We will continue to work with the various stakeholders including the Department of Education and the Department of Environment and Science to ensure the best outcomes for all state schools.

Information from this pilot program will be used to advise the Department of Education on CRS-related recycling policies, operating standards, risk mitigation and the communication direction for all state schools to implement on-site CRS recycling activities.



What does the P&Cs Qld Pilot Program involve?

CRS is a fundraising activity which will involve the collaborative efforts of both the state school staff and the P&C. Service agreements with Waste Operators (Refund Point Operators) can only be approved and managed through the school Principal as per Department of Education requirements

P&Cs Qld will work with approximately 30 P&Cs/state schools who have registered their [expression of interest](#) in participating in the on-site pilot program which will run from 1 November 2018 to 5 April 2019.

P&Cs Qld will:

- ensure that CRS-related fundraising activities are included in state school and P&C insurance policies
- provide communication material, checklists, risk templates, and standard operating procedures for CRS fundraising activities
- absorb the collection fee from the Refund Point Operator so that P&Cs will receive 7c per container regardless of where their school is located.

What does the Pilot Program look like for my school?

P&Cs Qld will be undertaking a pilot program with two Refund Point Operators to ensure we trial both metropolitan and regional schools. The pilots will be slightly different depending on the Operator's resources:

REFUND POINT OPERATOR (METRO PARTNER)	REFUND POINT OPERATOR (REGIONAL PARTNER)
<p>Bag drop pilot schools will be located:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brisbane northside • Gold Coast • Sunshine Coast • Townsville. 	<p>Pilot schools will be located:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brisbane westside • Toowoomba • Mackay • Cairns.
<p>Each family will be given an onion style bag to take home. Bags will be sent home at the beginning of the pilot. Each bag can fit up to 50 eligible containers (value \$5). Families start collecting eligible containers.</p>	<p>Pilot schools are provided with either wheelie bins or a skip-like bin which remains on the school grounds. Students are encouraged to collect eligible containers from home and bring them into school in small batches. The wheelie bins can be moved to the playground at lunchtime for students to deposit drink containers purchased from the tuckshop as well as from lunchboxes. Wheelie bins must be stored in a secure area.</p>
<p>All students bring their containers back on a designated collection day. The collection day is organised by P&Cs Qld and the P&C.</p>	<p>Wheelie bins and skip bins are emptied as required. P&Cs contact P&Cs Qld to organise collection.</p>
<p>Bags are collected from the school grounds by the Refund Point Operator in Week 8 or 9 of Term 4. Containers are counted at their sorting depot.</p>	<p>Refund amount will be deposited into P&Cs Qld's bank account.</p>
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