

Chevalier College students clean up for the environment

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An environmental focus has proved a winning formula for a Highlands school.

Chevalier College in Burradoo has won the Return and Earn Litter Prevention Award for Schools in Category A (population up to 2000) at the prestigious Keep Australia Beautiful NSW 2019 Tidy Towns Awards.

The award was in recognition of the efforts of the school's Sydney Royal Show Team (Agriculture students).

The honour has recognised their outstanding efforts in container recycling to fund raise for its agricultural programs, including competing in shows.

For the past two years, Chevalier College has been returning used drink containers through the Return and Earn container deposit scheme, which pays a 10 cents refund per container.

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Agriculture teacher and Show Team co-ordinator Hayley Mahoney said the students made the contribution through the Return and Earn recycling program.

She said cans and bottles had been collected from various events, including the school's Community Fair, Presentation Ball, and Valedictory and Back to Chev dinners.

"So there was a lot of effort on behalf of the students to collect the items and keep them out of the school's waste stream," she said.

The money raised goes towards feed and equipment for school animals, farm equipment for the school, and the costs involved in entering agricultural shows.

In continuing with its focus on the environment the school has also introduced a 'Nude Food' day at Chev, held on November 21, as part of its WOW (Wipe out Waste) awareness program.

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This event was organised by the school's Sustainability Committee and supported by the Student Leaders.

The Keep Australia Beautiful NSW 2019 Tidy Towns Awards recognises, celebrates and rewards the sustainability achievements of rural and regional communities across NSW, and are organised by Keep Australia Beautiful NSW (KAB NSW).

The Litter Prevention Award Category is supported by the Return and Earn NSW container deposit scheme.

Since launching in December 2017, more than 2.6 billion drink containers have been returned for recycling via Return and Earn.