



## Litter survey template

Respondent number: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is litter?

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2. Do you think the school has a litter problem?

- Yes (go to next question)
- No (go to question 8)

3. How big is the litter problem?

- Only occasionally a problem
- Only a problem in some areas of the school
- Only a problem with some students
- Whole school problem

4. Who is the biggest contributor to litter?

- Teachers
- All students
- Specific year level:
- Specific lunch area:
- People outside the school fence

5. How concerned are you about a litter problem?

- Not concerned at all
- Not very concerned
- Not sure
- A little concerned
- Very concerned



6. What do you think are the most commonly littered items at school?

- Food packaging items
- Food scraps
- Paper and cardboard
- Large/hard rubbish
- Drink bottles/containers
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. What type of litter is a potential hazard to humans?

- Food packaging items
- Food scraps
- Paper and cardboard

8. What type of litter is a potential hazard to the environment?

- Food packaging items
- Food scraps
- Paper and cardboard

9. What types of litter in the environment concern you?

- Food packaging items
- Food scraps
- Paper and cardboard
- Large/hard rubbish
- Drink bottles/containers
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Can you give an example of litter that is a potential hazard to humans or the environment?

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11. Whose responsibility is it to clean up litter at school?

- The litterer
- Students
- The caretaker
- The cleaners
- Teachers
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

12. How far are you willing to walk to a bin?

- 1 metre
- 5 metres
- 10 metres
- 20 metres
- 50 metres
- 100 metres

13. If you need to dispose of some 'litter' at school, but the nearest bin is overflowing, what do you do?

- Try to put it on top of the full bin
- Drop it on the ground next to the bin
- Find another bin
- Leave it on the ground where you are
- Put it in your pocket/bag to dispose of later
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_



14. If you saw someone littering, what action would you take? (you can select more than one option)

- Suggest to them that they pick it up and put it in a bin
- Pick it up yourself and put it in an appropriate bin
- Report the action to someone in authority
- Do nothing
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Why do you think people litter? (you can select more than one option)

- Apathy: don't care, too lazy
- Can't find an appropriate bin
- Peer influence/pressure: being seen putting litter in a bin is not 'cool'
- A way to rebel against rules/authority
- Lack of pride in a place (e.g. school) and its appearance
- Lack of understanding about the potential impacts of litter
- Belief that it is someone else's responsibility to clean up litter
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

16. How do you think we can get people to stop littering?

- Education – posters, assembly presentations
- Litter pick-up as a punishment
- Have a consequence if teachers see students littering
- More bins
- Bins maintained – cleaned up, signage, in a better location
- Competition between classes for the cleanest area