



## Huge Plastic Waste Reduction at All Hallows Catholic College

In February, we will be launching some exciting new drinks for you with our catering team. This will greatly reduce our plastic use and encourage reusable bottles at school.

Over 120,000 plastic bottles are currently thrown away at our school each year! In terms of harmful CO<sub>2</sub> generated, that's the volume of one Olympic sized swimming pool each school day. Many bottles still do not get recycled, and even those that **do** get recycled are creating more harmful CO<sub>2</sub> into our environment at each recycling process.

The generationJuice Drinks Hubs are being introduced, which enable students and staff to purchase a large variety of drinks. These chilled drinks are mixed to order and then dispensed into your own reusable bottle. They are school compliant, vegan, gluten free, without sugar and use natural ingredients.

Students and staff will help themselves, using the modern touch screen, to any of the 6 different drinks. These include water flavour-fusions such as Raspberry Peach, Summer Fruits and Watermelon together with the popular Tropical, Mandarin Mango and Cherry juice drinks. All drinks are fast-pour and deliciously chilled. Our plastic bottle waste is then removed.

Even better news is that the drinks will cost only 80p per 500ml portion, which is a welcome change with the many price increases we are all facing. Our caterer will also be including the drinks as part of their meal deals, and Blue Dot deals, to offer even more value every day.

Please then, **do remember to bring a reusable bottle of your choice to school**, so that we can all cut this plastic use and waste, offer better value and enjoy great hydration with the delicious new chilled drinks. Thank you!

Student feedback regarding drink variety, fast delivery, taste and value has been really positive and they fully support the way we can all reduce our carbon footprint and help the environment, one drink at a time.