

To recycle or not to recycle

A group of pupils from both Uplands College and Uplands Preparatory School visited a nearby recycling station near Nelspruit recently. Uplands has its own recycling site where families of the school, as well as members of the public (especially White River Country Estate), can bring their waste for the purpose of recycling. There is an easy drop off station at the Uplands Institute for Environment Education on the right hand side of the Uplands entrance road.

Recycling is labour intensive and expensive, but after their tour around Green's Waste, the interested pupils realised its worth. From the 30 ton weigh bridge on which trucks and bakkies weigh their waste materials, to the workings of hopper baling machine where huge quantities of over 600 kg waste materials are cubed, the pupils saw how important it is to recycle rather than clutter up the environment. One Grade 7 pupil, Anita Gordijn wrote the following poem on her return to school.

Waste not want not
By Anita Gordijn

Bump, bumpety bump
Down the road
Over the weigh bridge we go
It can take up to thirty tons, you know.
Good grief!
First grade, second grade, add a HI grade too,
Squashing it up into bog ol' blocks
That weigh more than me or you.
Some stuff,
Medical waste and e – waste
Are just too expensive to do
At the recycling station
For me and for you.

Nicholas la Grange, Anita Gordijn and Savannah Humphreys

