Paper and cardboard products are the most common items a school recycles. Private documents are secured in locked bins before being shredded and joining other paper fibres.

01 Collection & Transportation
Paper is collected from schools and taken to a plant where it is sorted. Recyclable paper is then bundled and sent to a recycling plant.

02 Processing
Paper is shredded then water and chemicals are added to make pulp. The pulp is washed and bleached then pumped onto wire screens.

03 Production
The paper sheet is squeezed through large rollers and wound into large rolls. The sheet is cut into smaller rolls then cut into the required size for use.

04 Distribution
Paper rolls and products are transported within Australia mainly by road.

05 Paper Use
There is a great variety of choice in paper types and products for purchase including paper products used in schools.

Sustainability Considerations
- Recycling reduces the number of trees cut down to make paper
- Electronic communication can reduce paper use
- Recycled fibres are used in all sorts of high quality paper products
- Demand for recycled content paper products promotes recycling
- It takes less energy, water, manufacturing and transport to recycle used paper, than it does to produce new paper