

## Case Study

### Water Smart Champions in Action

How Sydney Water helped 1,575 students build water saving knowledge through live theatre, music and interactive learning



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### Helping students become water smart at school and at home

In June 2025, Walter Smart and Friends visited primary schools across the Sydney Water region, supported by Sydney Water.

Through live theatre, comedy, songs, multimedia and hands-on workshops, the program brought Sydney Water's key education messages to life for approximately 1,575 students across 9 primary schools. Students explored where water comes from, why it matters, and the simple actions they can take to save water every day.

10 performances were delivered in a fun, curriculum-linked and age-appropriate way.

### What students explored

#### Where water comes from

Natural and urban water cycles

#### Why water matters

Water as a precious, limited resource

#### Water-wise habits

Practical ways to save water at home and school

#### Only flush the 3 Ps

Pee, poo and toilet paper

#### Sydney Water learning

Jila the mascot, Sydney Water resources, videos and teacher activities

“Very engaging and enthusiastic performance. The program was perfectly pitched for lower/middle primary students.”

– Y2–Y4 Teacher, Wollemi College



“It was outstanding, loved the links to the curriculum which supports learning and provides more knowledge around water efficiency.”

– Stage 2 Teacher, Blackwell Public School



## The impact

The 2025 program used live theatre, songs, film and multimedia to help students understand how they use water, how easily it can be wasted, and the simple changes they can make to become more water smart.

Teachers rated the program highly, with 100% rating the performance positively, 100% saying it enhanced students' knowledge of the water cycle, and 100% saying it linked directly to the curriculum.

## What the students took away

“Every drop of water counts.”

“Take a 4-minute shower or less.”

“I learnt where water comes from, why we need to save water & how to save water.”


“A running tap wastes water, TURN IT OFF!”

“I learnt that water is precious, and we need to take care of it and help the environment.”





## 2025 at a glance

 **10** performances delivered


 **9** schools participated

 **1,575** students participated

 **301** student surveys completed


 **30** teacher surveys completed

 **100%** teacher satisfaction

 **100%** teacher curriculum relevance Science / HASS

 **100%** water cycle knowledge uplift

 **100%** student satisfaction

 **100%** said they would talk to family at home about what they learnt



## How the program brought water learning to life

### Live performance

A high-energy pantomime performance used comedy, characters and storytelling to make water-saving messages fun and memorable.

“Energetic and entertaining while educational!  
Very interactive and age appropriate.”

– Y2 Teacher, Windsor Public School

### Songs and movement

Original songs helped students remember practical water-saving actions through rhythm, repetition and participation.

“Very well thought out and put together - good mix of live action, visuals and interaction.”

– Y2 Teacher, Clairgate Public School

### Visual learning

Multimedia promoted Sydney Water resources, videos, Jila the platypus, the 3 Ps rule, Water Night and water-saving messages.



## Hands-on workshop

A 20–30-minute workshop used quizzes, activities and discussion to reinforce learning around the water cycle, water efficiency and sustainability.

## Beyond the classroom

Students left with practical actions they could take home, including turning off taps, taking 4-minute showers, using reusable bottles, fixing leaks, watering gardens wisely and only flushing the 3 Ps.

The program also helped connect students to Sydney Water's role in the community. All surveyed students identified Sydney Water as the provider, while 87% of teachers said they were not previously aware of Sydney Water's education program or materials, showing the incursion also helped introduce schools to Sydney Water's broader learning resources.

### About Gibber

Gibber Educational combines live theatre, music, multimedia and interactive learning to create memorable education experiences for primary school students.

### About The Water Conservancy

The Water Conservancy is an independent not-for-profit focused on improving water literacy and supporting smarter, more conscious water use across Australia.

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