Viceroy Bali

Viceroy Bali's Partnership with Yayasan Green Books Indonesia

Supporting the Zero Waste School Programme in Bali

At Viceroy Bali, we believe that meaningful hospitality extends beyond our property and into the communities around us. Through our partnership with Yayasan Green Books Indonesia, we are proud to support the Zero Waste School Programme, an initiative that empowers schools to reduce waste, move away from single-use plastics, and foster environmental awareness among the next generation.

Since July 2025, the programme has expanded across **16 primary schools in Bali, reaching 4,122 students** through environmental education, practical waste management systems, and sustainable school canteen initiatives. Across three batches, the programme brings together school leaders, teachers, canteen staff, and sustainability partners to encourage lasting changes in how waste is managed and resources are used within school communities.

Expanding Our Reach Across Bali

Batch 1: Since July 2025

The first batch introduced the programme to six primary schools in Denpasar, reaching 1,958 students:

- SDN 1 Peguyangan – 403 students
- SDN 12 Peguyangan – 253 students
- SDN 3 Ubung – 371 students
- SDN 6 Ubung – 385 students
- SDN 14 Dauh Puri – 186 students
- SDN 1 Kesiman – 360 students

Batch 2: Since January 2026

The second batch expanded the programme to two additional primary schools in Canggu, reaching 340 students:

- SD No. 1 Canggu – 182 students
- SD No. 3 Canggu – 158 students

Batch 3: Since July 2026

The third batch has extended the programme to eight more primary schools across Tabanan, Badung, and Denpasar, reaching an additional 1,824 students.

Tabanan

- SDN 1 Beraban – 172 students
- SDN 3 Beraban – 177 students
- SDN 4 Beraban – 165 students
- SDN 5 Bongan – 169 students
- SDN 4 Dauh Peken – 144 students

Badung

- SD No. 2 Dalung – 345 students
- SD No. 3 Sempidi – 329 students

Denpasar

- SDN 8 Peguyangan – 323 students

With the addition of Batch 3, the programme now supports **16 schools and 4,122 students across Bali**, building on its initial work in Denpasar and extending its reach to more school communities.

Creating Lasting Change Through Education and Action

Learning from a Zero Waste Role Model

An important part of the programme is enabling schools to learn from practical examples. School principals, teachers, and canteen representatives from earlier batches visited SDN 11 Kesiman, a recognised Zero Waste role model school in Denpasar. The visit offered practical insights into operating school canteens without relying on single-use plastics, while providing an opportunity to discuss implementation, challenges, and long-term success.

For Batch 3, school representatives also took part in a study visit to SD No. 3 Canggu, providing an opportunity to observe how zero-waste practices can be implemented within a school environment.

These activities encourage knowledge-sharing between schools and help participants identify practical approaches that can be adapted to their own communities.

A Six-Step Approach to Zero Waste Schools

The programme follows a structured approach to help schools understand their waste, implement practical solutions, and measure progress over time.

1. Audit

Each participating school conducts a baseline waste audit to measure the amount and types of waste generated in a typical school day. This establishes a starting point against which future improvements can be assessed.

2. Train

Teachers, school principals, and canteen staff receive training and practical guidance to support the transition towards more sustainable school practices. The programme also includes visits to role-model schools, enabling participants to learn from existing initiatives.

3. Teach

Teachers receive a hands-on environmental education curriculum designed for different age groups. The programme includes 12 lessons for Grades 4–6 and four shorter lessons for Grades 1–3, helping students understand waste reduction, responsible consumption, and sustainable everyday habits.

4. Equip

Schools receive practical resources to support implementation, including reusable foodware for canteens, composting facilities, waste separation systems, and Zero Waste Lunch Kits for teachers.

5. Measure

Follow-up waste audits are conducted at the end of the programme to assess changes in the amount of waste generated and measure progress towards waste reduction.

6. Support

Participating schools receive ongoing guidance through the Zero Waste Schools Network, helping them maintain good practices, share experiences, and continue improving beyond the initial programme period.

Progress and Milestones: Batch 3

Since joining the programme in July 2026, the eight Batch 3 schools have achieved several important milestones.

The programme has reached:

- Eight primary schools across Tabanan, Badung, and Denpasar
- 1,824 students

- 57 teachers and school principals trained

Key activities completed include baseline waste audits, staff orientation, two-day hands-on teacher training, and a study visit to SD No. 3 Canggu, a role-model school.

Environmental education is now being implemented in classrooms, with participating schools progressing through the curriculum and reaching Lesson 6 at the time of this update.

These milestones establish the foundation for introducing practical waste reduction measures across the eight new school communities.

Supporting Plastic-Free School Canteens

Reducing disposable packaging in school canteens is a central part of the programme. Across the first two batches, 2,582 reusable foodware items were distributed to six participating school canteens to support the transition away from single-use packaging.

The next stage will extend this initiative to the eight Batch 3 schools through the distribution of reusable foodware for their canteens. This will help more schools adopt practical alternatives to disposable food containers and packaging.

Strengthening Sustainable School Infrastructure

The programme also supports schools in establishing the infrastructure needed for more effective waste management. Initiatives include the installation of Teba Modern composting facilities, the introduction of waste separation systems, and the provision of reusable foodware.

Waste separation systems for Batches 1, 2, and 3 are planned for implementation once the new residual waste collection arrangements are in place. This step is intended to ensure that separated waste can be managed appropriately beyond the school grounds.

In addition, Terra Water has committed to providing 87 water filters for schools in Batches 2 and 3 later in 2026. This planned contribution will further support participating school communities with access to water filtration.

Looking Ahead

The partnership between Viceroy Bali and Yayasan Green Books Indonesia continues to focus on practical action, education, and measurable progress.

The next stages of the programme include:

- Distributing reusable foodware to the eight Batch 3 school canteens to support plastic-free practices.
- Introducing waste separation systems across Batches 1, 2, and 3 once the new residual waste collection arrangements are in place.

- Conducting final waste audits for Batches 2 and 3 to measure waste reduction.
- Providing 87 water filters for participating schools in Batches 2 and 3, supported by Terra Water.
- Continuing classroom education and ongoing guidance through the Zero Waste Schools Network.
- Preparing for subsequent programme expansion, subject to the partnership's plans and implementation schedule.

Through this partnership, Viceroy Bali is proud to contribute to environmental education and practical waste reduction within local school communities. By equipping teachers, engaging students, and supporting sustainable school infrastructure, the programme aims to nurture responsible habits that extend beyond the classroom and into everyday life.

Together with Yayasan Green Books Indonesia, we remain committed to supporting a more sustainable future for Bali, one school community at a time.

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