



Memorandum of Understanding - ResourceSmart Schools program

Environment Education Victoria is Sustainability Victoria's delivery partner for the internationally acclaimed RSS program. We look forward to continuing to work with you to inspire your students and staff to create a sustainable campus and caring community.

Ongoing Support offered by EEV:

- Half day audit per year (waste, biodiversity, energy, or water)
- One online support meeting per term (with designated school representative)
- Training to enter bills into RSS Online to get powerful data
- Training for parent volunteers to assist with audits.
- Free termly RSS workshops
- Resources (templates, guides, communications, etc)

Bonus: Select one additional opportunity on offer from EEV, if you are interested.

- Support to implement the *10-step Biodiversity Program* (includes Biodiversity Audit support)
- Up to 3 staff to participate in a 'Your Sustainability Vision' online workshop
- Whole staff professional learning on RSS (embedding sustainability in your school culture, curriculum and operations, opportunities and benefits for student leadership and wellbeing).

Being a ResourceSmart School makes you a leader and change-maker! Being in RSS supports you to increase your school's biodiversity, reduce resource use, foster student leadership and wellbeing in a time of climate crisis, and make significant financial savings!

The most meaningful changes at your school as part of the RSS program will come about through the following ways. Tick those that you commit to over the coming 12 months.

- Sharing your sustainability activities, learnings, and tips with your school community via school newsletter, website, social media, assemblies etc
- Uploading billing data, including solar generation if relevant. (This sets your baseline and allows you to measure the impact of changes over time, capturing savings and valuable data)
- Conducting 1-2 audits each year with students (your RSS facilitator is available to help)
- Developing and maintain planning and policy documentation relevant to sustainability
- Forming a sustainability planning team
- Support student leadership and action (enviro/sustainability focussed)
- Capturing and documenting your sustainability journey (can be used in Info Nights, new staff induction, nominations for competitions & awards, and as evidence to complete RSS modules)

Commitment:

Our school values sustainability. We will provide staff with time to take action and attend at least two RSS workshops per year, and regularly update our school information on the RSS Online system.

School Name (in full):

Suburb:

Sustainability Coordinator's Name:

Email:

Principal's Name:

Principal's Signature:

Date: