



Memorandum of Understanding - ResourceSmart Schools program

Being a ResourceSmart School makes you a leader and change-maker, supporting 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! Environment Education Victoria is Sustainability Victoria's delivery partner for this internationally acclaimed program. We welcome your school to the program and look forward to working with you over the coming years to inspire your students and staff to create a sustainable campus and caring community.

Onboarding: EEV has assigned an Education Officer to facilitate and guide your school through the program. They will arrange an initial meeting (in-person or online) to:

- Demonstrate the RSS program and online system
- Identify 3 quick and easy actions your school can complete in the first term
- Discuss your school's priorities and existing programs over the next 12 months and how the RSS program can integrate and support achievement of those goals
- Provide ideas on how to implement sustainability into the curriculum and recommendations for other relevant programs and opportunities.

Ongoing Support:

- Half day audit per year from (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, if you are interested.

- Support to implement the *10-step Biodiversity Program* (includes Biodiversity Audit support)
- Support to complete the actions in a quick guide checklist for one module (of your choice)
- Up to 3 staff to participate in a 'Your Sustainability Vision' online workshop
- Whole staff professional learning on RSS, effectively embedding sustainability in the school culture, curriculum, and operations, and the opportunities and benefits for student leadership and student wellbeing through RSS.
- Follow up meeting within 2 weeks of Audit to develop Action Management Plan and help with documentation for a module.

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: