

Begin your ResourceSmart School journey!



Teach your students real life skills for use at school, at home and in the community.

What is the ResourceSmart Schools program?

RSS is a Victorian Government program delivered free to all schools in the Grampians Central West region. It helps schools to work towards a more sustainable way of living and operating. It compliments and supports existing curriculum, by providing alternative practical activities and innovative resources.

How does it do this?

Students are empowered to lead the way in reducing your energy, water and waste costs, while at the same time improving your school environment. Our facilitators work with your students in the classroom to establish a sustainability team that will champion the program through your school and community.

Save money for your school and reduce your environmental footprint!

This sounds good, but show me the proof....

The first step is an audit of your electricity, water and waste usage. One school discovered a water leak and is now saving nearly \$2800 a month (yes really!!!). They funded a trip to the snow for all students and parents from those savings, in the very next year. Another school discovered that their solar panels was disconnected from their meter box, and are now reaping the rewards by way of a reduced electricity bill. A Year 4 student, inspired by her learnings took a look at her home electricity bill and with her dad, they discovered that their hot water system was set to 'day rate', instead of 'night rate'. Once changed, they were saving nearly \$600 a quarter! This could be your school too!

"Being involved in ResourceSmart Schools helped to reinvigorate our staff and students and with the redevelopment of our school, we are now sustainability leaders in our region."

Kate, RSS Secondary Teacher of the Year 2016



Measuring your Success

Like all good programs, ResourceSmart recognises your success. By working through the energy, water, waste and biodiversity modules, your school's success is measured using the online RSS system. This is no 'tick and flick' exercise. It is about embedding genuine change in your school, your students and your community. Be recognised for your achievements through the awarding of a 'Star' for completing the modules.



Who is Grampians Central West WRRG?

Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group has been tasked with delivering the program in our region, covering 12 local government areas from Bacchus Marsh to the South Australian border.



Region Awards

Schools from across our region will be invited to celebrate their achievements at an awards event. In 2018, it will be held on Wednesday 5 December.

What next?

Get in touch with our RSS Project Coordinator. We will then meet with school leadership to get you started on your ResourceSmart journey.



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