

ECO – SCHOOLS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM with Red Hill EEC

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Utilising the expertise and resources of Red Hill Environmental Education Centre, the project will develop student leadership skills, strengthen student **relationships**, build **self-esteem** and engage students in authentic learning experiences that develop their **critical thinking** and **problem solving** capabilities.

ECO-SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA THEMES

Participating Eco-Schools will benefit from students contributing to the assessment and improvement of their school environment by investigating and taking action on one, or more, of the Eco-Schools themes:

- Biodiversity: Habitats and Homes
- Energy & Climate: Super Smart Power
- Lifestyles: Healthy and Active
- Litter & Waste: The Lifecycle of Stuff
- Waste & Waterways: Developing our Next Generation of Waterway Keepers
- Water: Drink, Think, Save the Sink.

These activities will support schools in implementing the sustainability cross-curriculum priority through student-led inquiry-based activities and hands-on learning by accessing the Eco-Schools Australia model.

ECO-SCHOOLS SEVEN STEPS

Participating student leaders are supported by Red Hill EEC to undertake the Eco-Schools Seven Steps:

1. Form an Eco-committee
2. Carry out an Environmental Review
3. Make an Action Plan
4. Monitor & Evaluate
5. Link to the Curriculum
6. Inform & Involve
7. Produce an Eco-Code



The Program consists of five key components as follows:

1. **Eco-Schools Teacher Professional Learning Day at Red Hill EEC** - to support leading teachers in participating schools
2. **Eco-Schools Introduction Day at Red Hill EEC** – for all participating students
3. **School support visits**– delivered by Red Hill EEC staff
4. **Eco-Schools Accreditation process** – led by participating students
5. **Eco-Leaders Celebration at Red Hill EEC** - for all participating students

PROGRAM COSTS

Program Component	Unit Price
Eco-Schools Teacher Professional Learning Day ONLINE	No Cost
Eco-Schools Introduction Day, Support Visits, Eco-Schools Celebration Day, All Administration Support	No Cost
Eco-Schools Australia Accreditation Fee (paid on application of a Bronze, Silver or Green Flag Award)	\$100 (2023 cost)

PROGRAM TIMELINE

PROGRAM COMPONENT	DATE	LOCATION
Eco-Schools Teacher Professional Learning Day for supporting teachers	Term 1, Week 4 Tuesday 14 th February	ONLINE
Eco-Schools Introduction Day (can be combined with other schools)	Term 1, Weeks 4 - 6	At your School Supported by RHEEC staff visit
Eco-Schools Audit Day	Term 1, Weeks 5 - 10	At your School Supported by RHEEC staff visit
Eco-Schools Action Plan Day	Term 1, Weeks 5 - 10	At your School Supported by RHEEC staff visit
Eco-Schools Project Implementation & Accreditation	Term 2 & Term 3	At your School - Led by Student Eco-Committee
Eco-Schools Community Day	Term 4 School date TBC	At your School Supported by RHEEC staff visit
Eco-Schools Celebration Day (combined schools' program)	Term 4 School date TBC	Red Hill EEC

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