



Sustainability Policy

Purpose

Cranbourne South Primary School (CSPS) recognises the importance of becoming a sustainable school for the benefit of the Earth's environmental health. By managing resources efficiently and embedding education and sustainable practices, we will motivate the whole school community to live more sustainably.

We honour and draw upon the knowledge of the First Nations people and their relationship with the land. We believe that fostering a positive attitude and appreciation of sustainable environmental practice is vital to the development of our students, will contribute towards the health of our community, and reduce our impact on the Earth.

School sustainability vision and principles

At CSPS we will strive to live in a way that has minimal impact on the environment. Our mission is to actively engage and educate students, staff and our wider community in developing a sustainable future for generations to come.

Aims

- To educate our students, and subsequently their families, in responsible energy usage, water efficiency, waste management and environmental awareness
- To protect the environment through a proactive approach to conservation and environmental issues
- To increase the biodiversity of the local environment
- To practise effective waste minimisation and management
- To reduce resource costs and carbon footprint
- To promote the value of living sustainably
- To achieve and maintain star accreditation status in accordance with the ResourceSmart Schools (RSS) program, led by Sustainability Victoria

Implementation

CSPS will:

- ensure curriculum delivery incorporates elements of sustainability at all year levels, line with the Victorian Curriculum Cross-Curriculum Priority
- establish and support a sustainability team that reports to school governance bodies
- engage in sustainable actions that are promoted through the RSS framework
- lead in exemplary practices in waste management, water and energy usage
- develop and use the school grounds to increase local biodiversity
- use the RSS Framework and RSS Online to monitor the school's progress towards
- meet resource saving targets
- **develop and maintain** a School Environmental Management Plan (SEMP)
- **encourage** 'green events'
- promote sustainability by reporting achievements to the school and local community



- include 'Sustainability and Environment' as a standing agenda item for the School Council and report results annually (at least).

Resources

- ResourceSmart School Memorandum of Understanding
- Green Purchasing Policy
- Green Events Policy
- [ResourceSmart Schools Online](#)
- [Sustainability Victoria](#)

Communication

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's [website](#)
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Hard copy from school administration upon request

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact CSPS office personnel and/or Principal.

Review Cycle and Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of DET's recommended review cycle.

Mandatory Consultation

Consultation Group	Date Consulted
School Council Policy Sub Committee	Annually
Staff	Staff Information Booklet
Parents	Newsletter
Student leadership groups	Forums and Meetings



Due for Review

November 2027

Certification

This policy was ratified at the School Council Meeting held at Cranbourne South Primary School on November 27, 2024

Signed:

Principal

Signed:

School Council President