

Education for Sustainability- 2017

“There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle. Education in environmental responsibility can encourage ways of acting which directly and significantly affect the world around us...” Laudato Si (211)

Event Overview:

Education for Sustainability is clearly articulated in the Victorian Curriculum as a cross curriculum learning area to be delivered in all Victorian schools. This professional learning activity is aimed at assisting the generalist classroom teacher to become more confident when guiding their students to explore environmental sustainability. It is also aimed at linking Sustainability to the Religious Education program in the school as it is our Catholic responsibility to care for the environment

Who can participate?

This professional learning has been designed to support all classroom teachers - Foundation – Year 6.

How the program will be structured?

The program will be offered as one day of exploring Sustainability as found in the Victorian Curriculum and follow up school visits as required, by CEOB support personnel.

The program has been designed to:

Assist teachers in our primary schools, to implement the Diocesan Framework: **Stewards of Creation: A change of heart** through education for sustainability which could also include the use of *ResourceSmart Schools* modules in Bio-Diversity, Energy, Waste and Water.

What is expected of participants?

Participants are expected to participate with an open mind and a willingness to hear new ideas and strategies to which they may be exposed during the event. They will be invited to trial these ideas in their classrooms and report back to a network on their progress.

What is required of the principal?

The Principal is required to support participants through scheduling time to allow their attendance, encouragement of risk taking to try strategies which may be new to their classroom and to provide opportunities where knowledge can be shared with their colleagues in the school.

What you can expect from the CEOB:

The CEOB will:

- ensure that the facilitator will deliver a process and content that is in alignment with the curriculum requirements
- ongoing support from Dr. Susan Crowe as required



- ensure that all participants receive the necessary documentation for this program to be recognized as professional learning through the Victorian Institute of Teaching
- manage the costs associated with the provision of this program however schools will be asked to contribute the regular professional learning fee that is used to cover venue costs and catering

Registration:

Registration for this program will be available [online](#) and will close on **November 30th 2015**.

Registration implies that participants have the full support, as outlined, of their school principal.

The early close off date will enable CEOB to determine the actual number of participants and the location of these participants which will support us in determining the number of programs that will be run next year and where.

Adherence to this closure date should make it possible to provide all participants with actual program dates and locations by **Friday December 4th**.

Endorsement

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