



Educating for Sustainable Living at Fifteen Mile Creek

Fifteen Mile Creek Campus of Bogong Outdoor Education Centre's is committed to *Educating for Sustainable Living*. This year, Fifteen Mile Creek Campus has joined a program called ResourceSmart AuSSI Vic which is a State Government initiative aimed at creating sustainable schools. As part of this program, one of our requirements is to inform our local community about what we are doing in regards to sustainability. It integrates educational, environmental, social and economic outcomes so that the school community can see themselves as a part of the bigger picture of sustainability. The program consists of five modules into theme-based focus areas. These consist of a core, biodiversity, energy, waste and water module.

Currently Fifteen Mile Creek is practicing and implementing sustainable practices including soft plastic recycling, general recycling, vegetable gardens, three worm farms, purchasing local produce and 'green' products where possible, compost bins, timers on heating, poultry and ongoing conservation/preservation work on our Trust for Nature land and environmental studies. As a part of the implementation process, Fifteen Mile Creek encourage community links, for example Wangaratta High School Year 9 CLC program.

Some ideas for the near future include having solar panels, mini hydro power plant on the Spring Creek, more food growing areas including vegetables and orchards, livestock, zero emissions, better waste management, reduce energy consumption.

Fifteen Mile Creek has recently become a part of the Red Project which is a recycling solution for soft plastics (plastic bags, snap lock bags, cling wrap, bread bags, green bags) which would normally be sent to landfill. Fifteen Mile Creek aims to involve the King Valley Cluster schools in this project. These materials will then become a resource used for manufacturing playgrounds and other products for Australian schools.

For more information or if you're keen to become involved please don't hesitate to contact us.



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