

Climate Ready Schools 2025

Climate Ready Schools invites you to carry out investigations into climate change adaptation and mitigation possibilities in your school or local neighbourhood. Students will use a problem-based learning approach and will be supported to develop local solutions to local climate change issues.

Climate change learning is integrated into the school curriculum through the sustainability cross-curriculum priority and this program supports you to provide learning opportunities for students, professional development for yourself and other teachers, and a clear course of action that your school can take to address climate change issues.

New Online Program

This year we have redesigned Climate Ready Schools into a self-guided online learning program. Guided by you, your students can navigate their way through the program at their own pace, to learn about climate change in the urban environment, coasts, waterways and how it impacts biodiversity. You are invited to join an online information session to learn about the new format.

Program Details

Each school involved should commit one or more classes to undertake the program and carry out investigations as part of learning during Terms 2 and 3, 2025. There are no specified class time requirements, each class is to determine the time needed to deliver outcomes. This program is most suitable for year 5 classes and above. Please note that you may need to customise or spend more time delivering content for younger year levels.

Participating schools receive:

- access to a self-guided online-learning program, with content covering climate change projections, heat and flood mapping, biodiversity data, sea level rise and other issues
- links to relevant organisations and people with expertise
- ongoing, tailored support and resources to help you integrate the content into the school curriculum and guide the development of solutions to climate change issues
- support in the use of the Design Thinking process as a tool to guide students through focussed problem-based learning.

Participating schools should:

- obtain sign-off and support from your principal and leadership team
- facilitate the on-line learning program with participating classes
- support students to develop and possibly implement school or local neighbourhood-based solutions to a local climate change issue as part of an ongoing sustainability approach in the school
- host a sharing session within the school enabling students to present their climate change solutions to your school community and any program partners, including Green Adelaide.

2025 Program

The 2025 program will begin in Term 2 and will include:

1. Introducing - Climate Ready Schools 2025

Online session: Wednesday 9 April, 4pm to 5pm via Microsoft Teams

Are you curious about how Climate Ready Schools could work at your school? Join the Green Adelaide team for an overview of the new program and the possibilities for your school.

2. Teacher Information Session

Online session: Tuesday 13 May, 4pm to 5 pm via Microsoft Teams

This session is for schools participating in the 2025 program and will outline what is involved in the new program and how to use it.

2. Program Introduction Session at your school

Optional - Green Adelaide staff are available to introduce the program to students in person at your school.

3. Facilitate the Climate Ready Schools program with your students

Follow the self-guided online program to learn more about climate change impacts and the Launch Cycle. You can adapt it for your age group(s) and context.

4. Online Teacher check-ins – Term 3

Recommended - Two online teacher check-ins will be hosted for teachers to share your progress and any challenges.

Check-in #1 Thursday 12 June 4pm to 5pm will check in on how the new program is going with students, address any issues or questions and discuss the Launch Cycle and how students can use this process to explore climate change adaptation or mitigation issues and develop project solutions.

Check-in #2 Tuesday 5 August 4pm to 5pm will be another chance to check in and ask any questions and prepare for any sharing sessions you might be having.

5. Ongoing Support

Green Adelaide can support your participating classes through onsite visits. You can negotiate what support you need throughout the program. This provides an opportunity for students to ask questions and to hear students' ideas for their climate change projects and provide feedback. It also provides the opportunity to tailor the program to your needs and specific interests.

6. School Sharing Session

Students present their climate change adaptation solutions to their school community. The format is open and could include presentations, posters, models, videos or other ideas. Students can share their solutions with the other classes, families, guests and leadership, and a Green Adelaide Facilitator is happy to attend.

More information

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