



A statewide education program of  
Department of Primary Industries

**LandLearn** provides a structure and support for schools to incorporate studies of sustainable agriculture into the curriculum in the context of:

- A holistic approach to environmental education for sustainable food and fibre production;
- Victorian Essential Learning Standards;
- Education priorities and guidelines;
- Scientific research and the promotion of science in schools;
- Partnerships with related education programs.



**LandLearn** aims to:

- Encourage and support the incorporation of studies about sustainable agriculture into schools' curricula;
- Provide support for teachers and school communities through professional development, current learning and teaching resources and student activities that make learning fun;
- Engage students in active, experiential learning which can include on-going participation in community environmental management projects;
- Promote partnerships between school and community groups, such as Landcare, and between urban and rural schools.



## Key messages

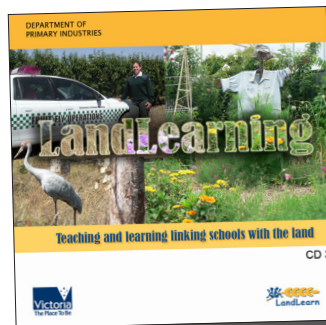
Caring for our land and its resources is a shared responsibility. Learning and action now is an investment in a future with:

- Quality food and natural fibres produced by farmers using responsible practices;
- Viable rural and regional communities;
- Challenging, valued and purposeful careers and employment in agriculture-based industries;
- A sustainable environment.

## Curriculum resources

**LandLearn** produces a range of teaching and learning materials to support program delivery in schools. These resources are available on CD as PDF files with student worksheets also provided as MS Word documents. They include:

- LandLearn Resource Booklets CD (containing 11 booklets, e.g. 'Grow and Gobble', 'Biodiversity & Agriculture', 'Planning for Sustainable Land Use');
- Super Seeds! CD – Learning activities featuring Cereals, Pulses and Oilseeds;
- LandLearning CD – (containing 4 booklets, 'Learning in the Garden', 'Biodiversity in Balance', 'Fruit Fly Frenzy', 'Fact & Fiction 2');
- Fieldwork CD's – Water and Food: futures thinking, Salinity in an Urban Landscape and Keep It Clean;
- Creating Sustainable Futures – a set of cards designed specifically to enhance thinking, learning and teaching related to sustainability.



**LandLearn** resources:

- Engage students in active field and classroom-based learning;
- Address the Victorian Essential Learning Standards across all year levels, but particularly target Levels 4 to 6;
- Incorporate teachers' notes and background material, student learning activities, extension ideas, reference lists and links to relevant programs and resources;

- Include materials for specific VCE units in Agriculture & Horticulture Studies, Geography, Environmental Science, Outdoor and Environmental Studies and Biology;
- Promote an integrated approach to sustainability education.

## Website

Bookmark this site for future reference to download curriculum activities, teaching resources, or to explore fieldwork sites, newsletters online and much more!

[www.landlearn.net.au](http://www.landlearn.net.au)

## Professional development

**LandLearn** supports teachers through:

- Professional learning programs – two hour to one day duration designed to cater for whole school staff, groups based on Learning Domains or Levels, networks, trainee teachers;
- Introductory and short workshops designed to introduce teachers to LandLearn support and resources, or to address specific themes; presented at a range of conferences and forums for teachers;
- Fieldtrips addressing a range of themes.

Examples of the themes addressed in the current professional development program include:

- Learning in the garden. Supporting teachers to integrate edible gardens and vegie patches into schools curriculum;
- Landcare and sustainable farming;
- Connecting to the land.

## Newsletter

- Published quarterly and delivered to every school in Victoria;
- Emailed in PDF format upon request;
- Available on the website;
- Contributions to the newsletter are welcome.



## Careers promotion

**LandLearn** has a responsibility to promote and raise awareness about careers in agriculture, natural resource management and food production industries. Visit the Careers File on our website to gain an insight into some career opportunities.

## Partnership and industry support

- Farmers and Landcare groups provide access to fieldwork sites and extensive local knowledge.
- Education-based partnerships facilitate a sharing of knowledge, skills and resources.

**LandLearn** is one of several DPI / DSE education programs which together offer a comprehensive environmental education package. Refer to website under 'teacher PD & support' for contact details of other programs.

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