Sustainability Learning Centre Information Sheet
Where is it?
50 Olinda Grove, Mt Nelson, TAS – enter from Hobart College campus

What is the Sustainability Learning Centre
Tasmania’s Sustainability Learning Centre is an innovative and visionary educational facility, which offers programs both on and off-site. These programs are potentially available to all Tasmanian students and teachers.

The centre is situated adjacent to prominent reserves near the Hobart College campus at Mt Nelson, Tasmania, amongst 65 hectares of bushland which is habitat for a number of threatened species.

The centre operates as a unique partnership between the following organisations.

- Department of Education Tasmania (http://www.education.tas.gov.au/)
- CSIRO Education (http://www.csiro.au/Portals/Education.aspx)
- Greening Australia (http://www.greeningaustralia.org.au)
- Independent Schools Tasmania (http://www.independentschools.tas.edu.au/)
- Tasmanian Catholic Education Office (http://catholic.tas.edu.au/)

The Tasmanian offices and teaching programs of CSIRO Education and Greening Australia operate from the centre.

The Sustainability Learning Centre has been constructed with support from the Australian Government’s Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations’ Local Schools Working Together pilot program, funding from Greening Australia and its supporters, and additional support from the Tasmanian Government.

The Sustainability Learning Centre was designed by Morrison & Breytenbach Architects and constructed by VOS Construction and Joinery Pty Ltd.

Sustainability Features of the Centre
The Sustainability Learning Centre has been constructed to gain 6 stars under the Green Star rating system (http://www.gbca.org.au/green-star/) of the Green Building Council of Australia.

For more detail about some of the features of the centre, please see the Features of the Sustainability Learning Centre document (TASED-4-2057).
Programs Operated from the Sustainability Learning Centre

Programs which focus on science and sustainability operate from the centre. This includes programs that inform students about climate change, biodiversity, ecology, renewable energy, water, economic and environmental sustainability, conservation and future careers. These programs are designed to inspire and enthuse students, encouraging some of them to pursue careers in science or science related fields.

The Sustainability Learning Centre partners use the centre and support sustainability in different ways. Some programs are offered at the centre, whilst others can be offered at school and other sites around the state.

For more information about programs offered from the centre, please visit the CSIRO Education or Greening Australia websites, or contact these organisations directly.

Australian Curriculum Connections

The programs offered from the Sustainability Learning Centre support the Sustainability cross-curriculum priority (http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/CrossCurriculumPriorities/Sustainability) of the Australian Curriculum. They also make connections to Australian Curriculum subjects, including Science, Geography, Maths, History and English.

The Australian Curriculum sees sustainability education as futures-oriented, focusing on protecting environments and creating a more ecologically and socially just world through informed action. Actions that support more sustainable patterns of living require consideration of environmental, social, cultural and economic systems and their interdependence.

If you would like to see inside the centre, please contact the Executive Officer, barbara.mundy@education.tas.gov.au for details of when the building might be open for inspection.

The Commonwealth has supported this project under the Local Schools Working Together pilot program.

Associated document:
The following document is available from www.education.tas.gov.au (Search for the Doc ID)

- Features of the Sustainability Learning Centre (TASED-4-2057)