

# 2016 State Report Card

## How are we engaging school students to improve their awareness and involvement in sustainable management of our natural resources?

We all have a stake in maintaining the health and sustainability of our natural resources – our plants, animals, soil, water and ecosystems.

Natural Resources Management (NRM) Education teams encourage schools and preschools to embrace sustainable principles in their learning and management practices to help develop more sustainable communities. In partnership with the Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) and the [Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative \(AuSSI\)](#), Natural Resources Management Education teams work with teachers to embed [Education for Sustainability](#) in their schools through activities, lessons, professional development courses and support tailored to each school's individual needs.

Natural Resource Management (NRM) education programs are effective in creating positive changes in attitude and behaviour towards the environment and assist students and their families to use their new environmental knowledge in their daily lives at home and in the community.



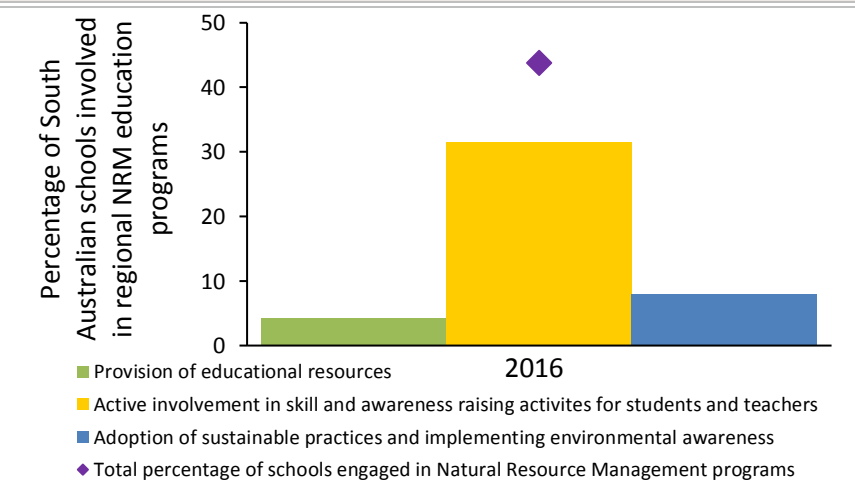
Trends in the engagement of school students in Natural Resources Management



**State target**  
Ensure people are better informed and improve capacity in NRM decision making

<b>Trends</b>	Unknown	44 per cent of schools are engaging in Natural Resource Management activities across South Australia. Trends will be available in future report cards.
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In 2016, 44 per cent of schools engaged in Natural Resources Management Education programs. Most of these schools (32 per cent) were involved in skill building activities for students, such as educational sessions and nature based activities. Natural Resources educators aim to create lasting cultural change by encouraging schools to implement their own environmental management strategies. Currently around eight per cent of schools are adopting these practices (graph on right).



<b>Where we are at (2016)</b>	Good	Over 40 per cent of schools are involved with NRM activities
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Across the state in 2016, about 30 staff from Natural Resources Management Education teams provided nearly 1,700 educational events to 640 schools. These programs engaged about 13,000 school students and 5,600 teachers. South Australian Natural Resources Management Education teams provide a range of services to schools, including education sessions to over 5,000 students at 150 schools, and professional development for about 1,300 teachers from 240 schools.

Across the state, 1,800 students at 137 schools were involved in the Young Environmental Leaders program. About 500 schools are currently registered with the [AuSSI-SA](#), and about 100 schools have developed School Environmental Management Plans.

The school education program in South Australia also links students and teachers with other environmental organisations and local projects. More information on school programs is available from your [Natural Resources Management centre](#).

**Reliability of information** ★★★★★ Excellent

**Further information:** [Technical information for this report card](#), [Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative – South Australia \(AuSSI-SA\)](#), [Education for Sustainability](#)

