



# **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

van de kamp academy

ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION  
CY2021 (PROJECTED)

Australian Government  
**Climate Active**  
**Public Disclosure Statement**

**VAN DE KAMP**  
**ACADEMY**



An Australian Government Initiative



NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY: van de kamp academy

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2021 – 31 December 2021 (Projected)

**Declaration**

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this Public Disclosure Statement is true and correct and meets the requirements of the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard.

Signature:

Date: 15 March 2021

Name of Signatory: Dion Christopher Van de Kamp

Position of Signatory: Founder and Managing Director



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# 1. CARBON NEUTRAL INFORMATION

## Description of certification

The Australian business operations of van de kamp academy (ABN 20 658 301 954).

## Organisation description

The First Peoples of Australia are part of the oldest living culture on the planet, dating back more than 65,000 years. We're committed to listening deeply, acknowledging, hearing wisdoms and forever learning about the ways that we can do better. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this Country.

van de kamp academy is launching in 2021 as a fashion brand based in Melbourne on the unceded Countries of the Kulin Nation. We craft our garments locally and ethically, with a focus on advocating for sustainability and a world where everyone can feel welcome and represented.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) recently said that *"No one ever makes a billion dollars. You take a billion dollars"*. While what she's talking about is quite different, the statement resonates with our thinking on the way we work with the environment, community and people. No one just makes products or provides a service - resources are typically taken or used to make the products or services which often leaves a trail of wastage + carbon behind.

This certification represents not just the beginning of van de kamp academy, but also our journey into scaling the brand to help us unlock other opportunities to do better by the environment. We don't have it completely right just yet, but we look forward to learning from others who are already doing great work and partnering with the industry to create lasting change at scale.

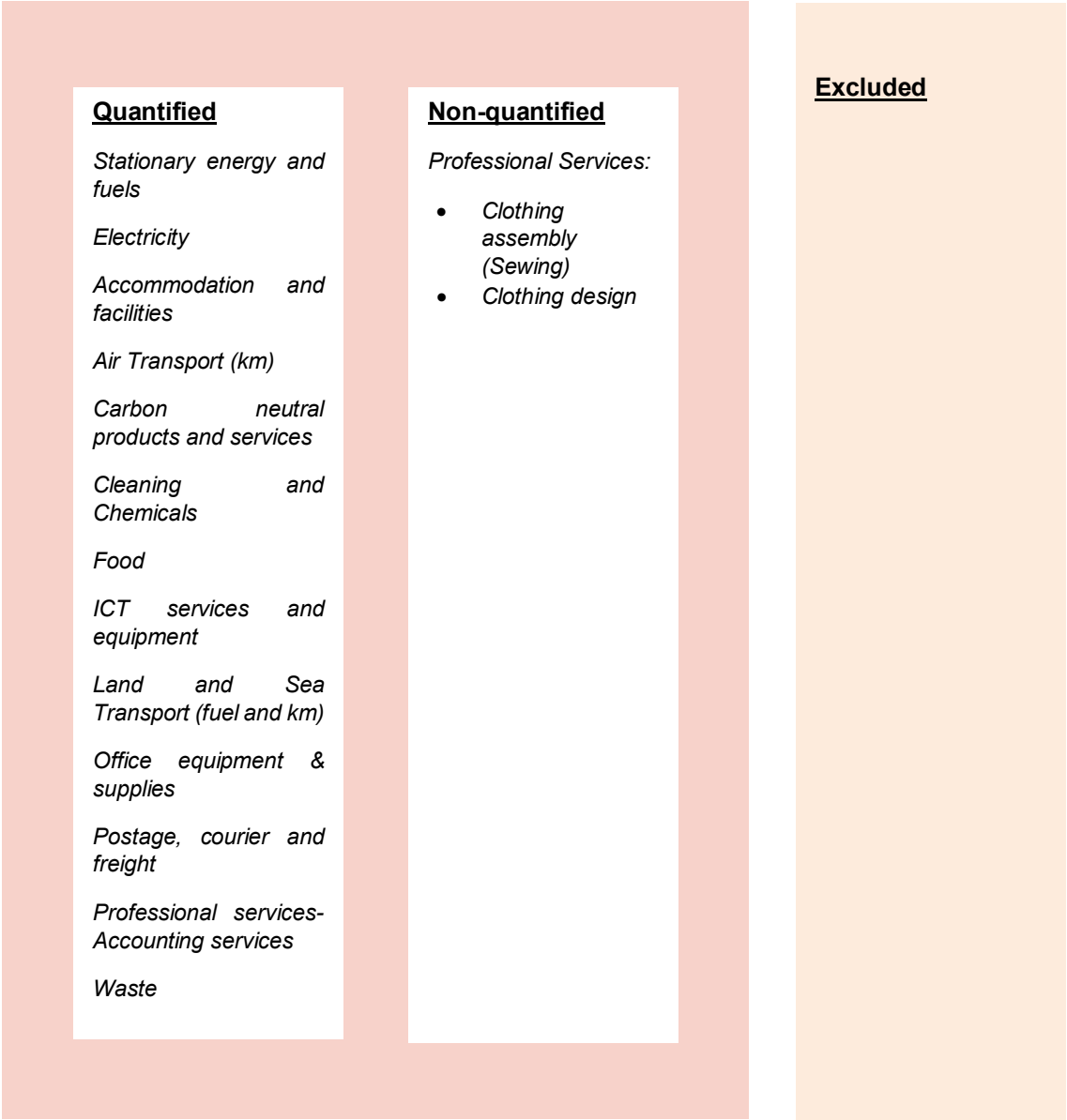
van de kamp academy will be based entirely in Melbourne, Victoria. van de kamp academy is registered as an Individual/ Sole Trader under the name 'VAN DE KAMP, DION CHRISTOPHER', while the Business Name of the entity is van de kamp academy. van de kamp academy does not operate under any other trading names.

*"The fashion industry leaves a gross amount of wastage behind. We need to set a new standard and start taking accountability for changing our industry."*

## 2. EMISSION BOUNDARY

### Diagram of the certification boundary

While this is a small organisation certification, which uses the standard Climate Active small organisation emissions boundary, there are multiple relevant emission sources that fall outside the boundary. These include clothing assembly and design.



## Non-quantified sources

van de kamp academy has not quantified emissions for the following two types of Professional Services:

- Clothing assembly (sewing); and
- Clothing Design.

As the certification is based on forecast data and there are no standard emissions factors for these services, emissions could not be quantified.

To compensate for the non-quantified emissions, an additional 15% uplift factor has been applied.

*“Businesses cleaning up after themselves is no longer, and never should’ve been, optional.”*

## Data management plan

van de kamp academy will engage with the relevant service providers, to obtain information (such as electricity consumption data) pertaining to these services that will support emissions quantification. This data will be reported during the true up process that will be carried out during the end of the reporting period, and will be subject to a Type 1 validation.

## Excluded sources (outside of certification boundary)

Not required as no relevant emission sources have been excluded.

## 3. EMISSIONS SUMMARY

### Emissions reduction strategy

van de kamp academy has limited opportunities to reduce emissions as it operates from a home office and does not have fuel consumption. However, van de kamp academy recognises that the most significant source of its emissions is from the 'Postage, Courier and Freight' emissions category, and will explore ways to reduce these emissions. It must be noted that van de kamp academy currently utilise the service of a third party freight provider who offset their emissions but have not achieved a Climate Active certification. Hence, in the future, van de kamp academy will explore the possibility of using a Climate Active certified Carbon Neutral service for postage, courier and freight to help reduce emissions.

van de kamp academy will also move operations to Victoria, from Tasmania, to reduce emissions associated with air travel, postage, courier and freight, for the delivery of products to mainland Australia.

van de kamp academy also notes that 'Printing and Stationery' supplies are another significant source of emissions for the firm and hence will also explore the ways to reduce these emissions, such as by shifting to the purchase of Climate Active certified products wherever possible.

van de kamp academy will launch two different programs, alongside the launch of the business, which intend to reduce waste from the business and its products. The first program will be a 'free repairs for life' program which intends to extend the life of van de kamp academy garments wherever possible. The second program will be a 'free recycling' program where customers can return unwanted used garments for recycling. van de kamp academy will explore different ways to re-purpose or recycle the returned textiles. Both these programs are designed to reduce waste associated with van de kamp academy and its products, with the customers only having to pay for the shipping costs. van de kamp academy will also explore the possibility of introducing a third program, focussing on improving public education and awareness on topics such as composting, re-using, re-purposing, recycling.

van de kamp academy will also collect fabric leftover from production to explore creating a zero-waste product or explore other ways to repurpose the fabric to reduce waste.

van de kamp academy also seek to reduce emissions from air travel by offsetting flights at the point of purchase, during the reporting period.

van de kamp academy will also explore using more organic fibres in the manufacturing of our products and explore getting our products certified Carbon Neutral by Climate Active.

Given that van de kamp academy is yet to launch, van de kamp academy acknowledge our commitment to create a more detailed strategy over the coming two years, which will include expected timeframes for implementing the emission reduction strategies outlined above. This detailed strategy will be included in our first and second year reports.

## Emissions summary (inventory)

Table 2

Emission source category	tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> -e
Cleaning and Chemicals	0.014
Food	0.194
ICT Services and Equipment	0.309
Office Equipment and Supplies	8.163
Postage, Courier and Freight	20.422
Waste	10.212
Air Transport (km)	0.426
Land and Sea Transport (km)	0.045
Electricity (Location Based)	0.095
Professional Services	0.915
Carbon Neutral Products and Services	0
<i>Total Net Emissions</i>	40.794

## Uplift factors

Table 3

Reason for uplift factor	tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> -e
Compulsory 5% for small organisations	2.04
van de kamp academy have forecasted expenditure for the following 2 types of Professional Services: - Clothing assembly (sewing); and - Clothing design. The emissions from these services will be captured via this 15% uplift factor.	6.120
<i>Total footprint to offset (uplift factors + net emissions)</i>	48.953

We note that due to rounding, the figures in Table 2 and Table 3 may not add up correctly, however the total figures are that of our inventory.

## Carbon neutral products

van de kamp academy use the following carbon neutral product:

- Belong: internet services.

## Electricity summary

Electricity emissions were calculated using a Location-based approach.

The Climate Active team are consulting on the use of a market vs location-based approach for electricity accounting with a view to finalising a policy decision for the carbon neutral certification. Given a decision is still pending on the accounting way forward, a summary of emissions using both measures has been provided for full disclosure and to ensure year on year comparisons can be made.

### Market-based approach electricity summary

Table 4

Electricity inventory items	kWh	Emissions (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e)
Electricity Renewables	104	0.00
Electricity Carbon Neutral Power	0	0.00
Electricity Remaining	453	0.489
Renewable electricity percentage	19%	
<i>Net emissions (Market based approach)</i>		0.489

### Location-based summary

Table 5

State/ Territory	Electricity Inventory items	kWh	Full Emission factor (Scope 2 +3)	Emissions (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e)
Tas	Electricity Renewables	-	-0.17	0.00
Tas	Electricity Carbon Neutral Power	-	-0.17	0.00
Tas	Netted off (exported on-site generation)	-	-0.15	0.00
Tas	Electricity Total	557	0.17	0.095
	<i>Total net electricity emissions (Location based)</i>			0.095

## 4. CARBON OFFSETS

### Offset purchasing strategy: forward purchasing

Given this report is based on forecast information for CY21, offsets have been forward purchased for this reporting period, and will undergo a 'true up' at the end of the reporting period.

Table 6



**Forward purchasing summary**

1. Total offsets previously forward purchased for this reporting period	0
2. Total offsets required for this reporting period	49
3. Net offset balance for this reporting period	49
4. Total offsets to be forward purchased for next reporting period	1

## Offsets summary

Table 7

<b>1. Total offsets required for this report</b>										49
<b>2. Offsets retired in previous reports and used in this report</b>										0
<b>3. Net offsets required for this report</b>										49
Project description	Type of offset units	Registry	Date retired	Serial number (and hyperlink to registry transaction record)	Vintage	Quantity (tonnes CO2-e)	Quantity used in previous report	Quantity banked for future years	Quantity used in this report	
RIPPLE Africa cookstove project in Malawi. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Link</a> to official project documentation (project name Project 9933: Improved Cook Stove Project 1, Nkhata Bay District, Malawi).</li> <li><a href="#">Link</a> to RIPPLE Africa website.</li> </ul>	CER	CDM	4March2021	<a href="#">Start serial number: MW-5-165148-2-2-0-9933</a> <a href="#">End serial number: MW-5-165197-2-2-0-9933</a>	CP2	50	0	1	49	
								<i>Total offsets retired this report and used in this report</i>	49	
								<i>Total offsets retired this report and banked for future reports</i>	1	

## Co-benefits

All offsets that have been acquired and surrendered are from the RIPPLE Africa cook stove project in Nkhata Bay District, Malawi. The project is run by RIPPLE Africa (a charity from the UK) and involves the installation of low cost, high efficiency wood fired cook stoves specially designed for local conditions. RIPPLE has so far replaced about 40,000 traditional three-stone cooking fires with fuel efficient cook stoves and the project therefore benefits approximately 200,000 people. The project has lots of benefits because traditional three-stone fires:

- Consume a huge amount of wood resulting in major deforestation. It also takes a lot of time to collect all this wood. This time can be spent on education and other activities.
- Produce lots of smoke and so cause health problems such as lung cancer and child pneumonia. This mostly affects women and children.
- Are unsafe for children.

RIPPLE Africa has made this fuel efficient cook stove a way of life and has significantly reduced Malawi's greenhouse gas emissions and can be seen in RIPPLE's [video](#).

RIPPLE Africa will use the funds from the sale of the credits to expand the project and support other RIPPLE Africa activities such as fish conservation, tree planting, forest conservation, education and health care services. RIPPLE Africa wants to expand the project so that 500,000 people will benefit from this fuel efficient cook stove. All RIPPLE's activities address various Sustainable Development Goals. The cook stove project alone addresses the following SDGs:



## 5. USE OF TRADE MARK

Table 8

Description where trademark used	Logo type
van de kamp academy Company Profile	Certified Organisation
van de kamp academy Company Website	Certified Organisation
van de kamp academy Packaging	Certified Organisation
van de kamp academy Marketing Content	Certified Organisation

## 6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

van de kamp academy will launch in 2021. As such, the reported emissions are based on forecasted data. A true-up process will be completed at the end of the reporting period to ensure that appropriate quantum of offset units have been cancelled by van de kamp academy.

# APPENDIX 1

## Excluded emissions

There are no excluded emissions for van de kamp academy.

To be deemed relevant, an emission must meet two of the five relevance criteria. Excluded emissions are detailed below against each of the five criteria.

**Table 9**

Relevance test					
Excluded emission sources	<i>The emissions from a particular source are likely to be large relative to the organisation's electricity, stationary energy and fuel emissions</i>	<i>The emissions from a particular source contribute to the organisation's greenhouse gas risk exposure.</i>	<i>Key stakeholders deem the emissions from a particular source are relevant.</i>	<i>The responsible entity has the potential to influence the reduction of emissions from a particular source.</i>	<i>The emissions are from outsourced activities previously undertaken within the organisation's boundary, or from outsourced activities typically undertaken within the boundary for comparable organisations.</i>
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## APPENDIX 2

### Non-quantified emissions for organisations

Table 10

Non-quantification test				
Relevant-non-quantified emission sources	<i>Immaterial &lt;1% for individual items and no more than 5% collectively</i>	<i>Quantification is not cost effective relative to the size of the emission but uplift applied.</i>	<i>Data unavailable but uplift applied. A data management plan must be put in place to provide data within 5 years.</i>	<i>Initial emissions non-quantified but repairs and replacements quantified</i>
Professional services: Clothing assembly (sewing).	No	No	Yes	No
Professional services: Clothing design.	No	No	Yes	No