

2013 ECOLINC UPDATE

ECOLINC APP OUT SOON

Ecolinc will launch its first app 'Biodiversity of the Western Volcanic Plains' early this year. The app will consist of a flora and fauna field guide and mapping tool, which will enable users to identify and map species within the Victorian Volcanic Plain. The free app will be available through the Apple iTunes App Store and on the Ecolinc website. The app is one component of a new Ecolinc 'Biodiversity of the Western Volcanic Plains' online program currently under development.

Ecolinc will provide teacher professional learning on all aspects of this new online program. The first professional learning day, which will incorporate use of the app in the classroom and the field, will be held on Friday 21 June 2013.

Ecolinc continues to offer a wide range of F-10 and VCE programs. Several VCE programs including VCE Biology Units 1 & 3 are currently being redesigned to incorporate a greater range of technologies and enhanced student inquiry learning.

Teachers wishing to make a booking for 2013 should not delay. Bookings are now being taken for all terms this year.

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OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Ecolinc continues to offer offsite outreach programs for primary/lower secondary classes. This involves an Ecolinc education officer conducting a tailored program in your classroom to suit your needs, often in conjunction with an onsite Ecolinc program.

Details of all Ecolinc onsite, offsite and online programs can be found on the Ecolinc website.

The DEECD continues to provide support for government rural and high SFO schools to access onsite and offsite outreach programs. Please contact Ecolinc to confirm your eligibility, or for further information.

EDUCATION WEEK 2013

Ecolinc has successfully received funding for Education Week 2013, to be held from 19-25 May 2013. If you would like to participate in a new 'investigating biodiversity in the Ecolinc grassland' program, incorporating use of our new app, please book ahead of time. This Education Week activity is presented by Ecolinc with the support of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

FRIDAY 21 JUNE 2013

Biodiversity of the Western Volcanic Plains

Preview aspects of Ecolinc's new online grassland program with a range of grassland activities, including the use of Ecolinc's new flora and fauna field guide app and mobile survey tool.

FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2013

Quadrats Online

Explore virtual and actual plant quadrats to learn more about the plant life of the Western Volcanic Plains.

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 2013

VCE Science

CONTACT ECOLINC FOR MORE DETAILS

