

EDUCATION WEEK 2006 AT ECOLINC

Ecolinc is celebrating Education Week in May 2006 with valued support from the Department of Education and Training. All Ecolinc programs operating in Education Week are available free of charge to schools. Programs for P-10 students include 'Introducing the Wetland', 'What's Growling in the Wetland?', 'Wetland Discovery' and 'New Biotechnologies'. Schools should book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Ecolinc is holding an open afternoon for teachers between 4.30 and 5.30pm on Thursday 27 April. A tour and an overview of all programs offered will be available. If you haven't visited Ecolinc yet, please feel free to attend this professional development activity or contact Ecolinc to arrange a convenient time for a tour of our facilities.

Ecolinc was the venue for a 2 day DE&T School Innovation in Teaching Professional Development Program held at the end of March.

Ecolinc has conducted a number of new VCE programs this year including Unit 1 & 3 Biology and Unit 1 & 3 Chemistry. A full range of VCE programs covering Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science and Physics outcomes are available at Ecolinc. Activities are designed to complete school assessed coursework tasks. Information on each program can be accessed via the Ecolinc brochure or the website www.ecolinc.vic.edu.au

Ecolinc's newest partnership with Mt Rothwell (formerly the Little River Earth Sanctuary) has resulted in the development of a new extended field activity for P-10, VCE Biology and VCE Environmental Science students. Students have the opportunity to visit Ecolinc to complete a range of activities, and Mt Rothwell to participate in a 'dusk' walk to observe a number of endangered nocturnal mammal species.

FREE ECOLINC PROGRAMS IN EDUCATION WEEK

INTRODUCING THE WETLAND P-2

Tues 9 and Thurs 11 May
1.00pm - 3.00pm

Explore the wondrous world of wetlands.

WHAT'S GROWLING IN THE WETLAND? Years 3-8

Mon 8 - Fri 12 May
10.00am - 12.00pm

Sample Ecolinc's wetland to discover the diverse aquatic plants and organisms.

WETLAND DISCOVERY Years 5-8

Mon 8, Wed 10 & Fri 12 May
1.00pm - 3.00pm

Determine the water quality of Ecolinc's wetland by sampling the organisms and conducting chemical tests.

NEW BIOTECHNOLOGIES Years 9-10

Mon 8 - Friday 12 May
10.00am - 12.00pm

Explore plant DNA extraction and cloning techniques.

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Teachers enjoying Ecolinc facilities during a DE&T School Innovation in Teaching Professional Development Program

