

Ecolinc celebrates Education Week in 2008



Education Week 18-24 May 2008

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ECOLINC OPPORTUNITIES

Ecolinc celebrates Education Week this year with a **FREE** Sustainability program suitable for Kindergarten-Year 10 students. Students will tour the Ecolinc Sustainability Trail, participate in a series of hands-on energy and water saving stations, and assess their individual energy and water use using Greenhouse Calculator and Water Calculator computer programs.

FREE Sustainability programs will operate on Tuesday 20 May, Wednesday 21 May and Thursday 22 May. Half day or full day programs can be arranged. To book, please contact Ecolinc asap.

Applications for the 2008 Term 3 **mecu** Ecolinc scholarship are now open to all primary and secondary schools across Victoria and will close on Friday 27 June 2008. The scholarship contributes \$500 towards the cost incurred by a school in visiting Ecolinc. Schools can apply by completing the online application form available from the Ecolinc or **mecu** websites. As there was no scholarship awarded in Term 2, two scholarships will be awarded for Term 3. Make sure that your school submits an application soon.

ECOLINC PROGRAMS 2008

The 2008 Ecolinc calendar is filling quickly so please do not delay if you wish to make a booking this year. Bookings for 2009 are also now open. Outlines for all Ecolinc programs are available in our 2008 Curriculum Programs brochure on the Ecolinc website.

A range of P-12 programs address current environmental issues including the enhanced greenhouse effect/global warming, water and climate change. Our very popular wetland, propagation and Mt Rothwell programs are also available.

VCE SEMESTER 2 PROGRAMS

Unit 2 and 4 Biology programs - Dynamic ecosystems, Adaptations, and Detecting GMOs in foods using PCR and gel electrophoresis.

Unit 2 Environmental Chemistry - Water (including the AAS) and the Atmosphere (including the UV-VIS).

Unit 2 and 4 Environmental Science - Environmental indicators and Pollution and health.

Unit 2 Physics - Alternative energy sources. Use Ecolinc's award winning ESD design features, BMS data and energy source equipment to initiate or conclude an investigation into alternate energy.

VCE programs are presented as SACs with assessment sheets provided.

2008 TEACHER PD PROGRAMS FRIDAY 16 MAY 2008

Growing plants for a changing climate - a workshop for P-12 teachers offering activities including plant propagation (including micropropagation), analysing plant pigments using chromatography, extracting plant DNA and plant adaptations.

FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2008

Frogs and their habitat - a workshop for P-12 teachers investigating frog adaptations, habitats and ecology.

THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER 2008

P-10 Sustainability - a workshop covering a range of sustainability issues, techniques and teaching ideas.

FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER 2008

VCE Chemistry - a workshop designed for VCE Chemistry teachers updating aspects of the new study design focussing on instrumental analysis.

THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2008

VCE Physics and Environmental Science - a workshop designed for VCE Physics and Environmental Science teachers updating aspects of the current study designs.

FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER 2008

VCE Biology - a workshop designed for VCE Biology teachers updating aspects of the current study design.

The cost for each program is \$55 including lunch, all refreshments and a full curriculum package.



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Thanks to the DEECD for sponsoring Ecolinc's Education Week program in 2008.



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