

Ecolinc exceeds projected targets!

Ecolinc has significantly exceeded its projected student number targets for Semester 1 by successfully offering a wide range of P-12 environmental programs. A summary of all programs currently available can be found on the Ecolinc website, however Ecolinc staff will tailor a specific program to suit the needs of your school curriculum on request.

During Term 3 and early Term 4, Ecolinc will be providing opportunities for VCE students across the state to complete SAC tasks relevant to the new VCE Chemistry study design, Environmental Chemistry - 'Water' and 'the Atmosphere', in addition to the very popular VCE Biology Unit 2 'Adaptations and Ecosystems' and VCE Biology Unit 4 'Genetically Modified Organisms' programs. A range of P-10 programs will also be conducted.

mecu has announced that it will continue sponsorship of Ecolinc via the **mecu** Ecolinc scholarship. Applications for the 2007 Term 4 **mecu** Ecolinc scholarship are now open to all primary and secondary schools across Victoria and will close on Friday 21 September 2007. 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.

www.ecolinc.vic.edu.au
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Congratulations to Oakleigh South PS, winner of the **mecu** Ecolinc scholarship for Term 3 2007.



Ecolinc will again conduct a VCE Science Professional Development program in December. This year teachers can choose to attend on either **Thursday 6 or Friday 7 December 2007**. The program will cater for teachers of VCE Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science and Physics. All VCE Science study designs will be reviewed, particularly the new VCE Year 12 Chemistry course, with hands on Ecolinc SAC tasks available for teachers to sample. Total cost including morning/afternoon tea and lunch is \$55 per teacher per day.

INTERESTED TEACHERS ARE INVITED TO REGISTER NOW TO SECURE A PLACE

5 x \$5000 ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS FOR SCHOOLS

Any school that banks with **mecu** and has had at least one environmental program in place for at least six months has the opportunity to win one of 5 x \$5000 grants to put towards further supporting environmental programs. See the **mecu** website for details.

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SEMESTER 2 PROGRAMS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

The Ecolinc calendar is filling quickly however there are still some vacancies for programs in Term 4.

P-10 teachers are encouraged to book now for half or full day Ecolinc sustainability programs covering a range of themes including energy, water, life, air and earth.

Contact Ecolinc for full details or consult our 'programs brochure' www.ecolinc.vic.edu.au

ALL TEACHERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BOOK AHEAD NOW FOR 2008 TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

ECOLINC WEATHERWALL UPDATE

The Ecolinc weatherwall has recently been updated by the CSIRO to allow visitors to the weatherwall (via the website) to access the weather conditions recorded at Ecolinc on any date from 2005 onwards. Simply scroll to the bottom of the weatherwall, click 'Past Weatherwall Data', enter required date and then 'Download Past Data'.

ECOLINC BMS UPDATE

The Ecolinc Building Management System (BMS) is also undergoing an upgrade at the moment. You will notice some changes already, however more improvements are planned.

SPONSORSHIP

Thank you to **mecu** for their continuing sponsorship of the **mecu** Ecolinc scholarship.