

Ecolinc celebrates its fourth year in 2008



Ecolinc has begun 2008 with Unit 3 Chemistry - Chemical Analysis, the most sought after program. Over 360 Chemistry students have successfully analysed a range of milk samples using the AAS, UV-VIS and IR spectrophotometers during Term 1. This program continues into Term 2. Another very popular program in Term 1 has been Year 9 Sustainability - a whole day experience examining sustainability issues including current hands on techniques for conserving energy and water at home and at school.

During Term 2 Ecolinc will celebrate **Education Week** with free Sustainability Education programs offered from 20 - 22 May 2008. Details will be announced soon.

Applications for the 2008 Term 2 **mecu** Ecolinc scholarship are now open to all primary and secondary schools across Victoria and will close on Thursday 20 March 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.

Congratulations to Manangatang P-12 College, the successful award recipients for the **mecu** Ecolinc scholarship in Term 1.



ECOLINC PROGRAMS 2008

Details for all Ecolinc programs are available in our 2008 Curriculum Programs brochure on the Ecolinc website. As the 2008 calendar is beginning to fill, please do not delay if you wish to book a program this year. A range of 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.

Ecolinc will design a unique program for your school's curriculum should you have a special request. Please contact us to discuss your requirements.

Ecolinc is currently developing an exciting new student program for Unit 2 Biology in collaboration with **GTAC**. The rapid decline in the number of frog species is a global concern. The program will highlight this ecological issue and examine the impact of Chytrid fungus on Australian frog populations. Students will use molecular techniques to examine water samples for the presence of a specific fungus. Mapping techniques used to monitor frog populations including the use of characteristic frog calls will be included.

A Year 9-10 program focussing on adaptations of frogs on land and in space has also been discussed with **VSSEC**.

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2008 TEACHER PD PROGRAMS

Ecolinc is offering a range of teacher PD programs beginning in Term 2.

FRIDAY 16 MAY 2008

Growing plants for a changing climate - a workshop for P-12 teachers investigating plant colour, function and growth, including micro propagation.

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 all aspects of the current study design.

THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2008

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

FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER 2008

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

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

Register now for further information.

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