

## ECOLINC NOW OPEN

Ecolinc is now open for bookings, with several schools including Bacchus Marsh College, Yarrowonga SC, Kyneton SC and Taylors Lakes SC participating in VCE Biology and Chemistry programs to date.

**EDUCATION WEEK** is rapidly approaching and Ecolinc is offering a range of free activities for students state wide from Years 3—10.

**Years 3-4** will learn what it takes to start their own vegie patch at school or at home. They will discover the needs of growing vegetables and explore their growth.

**Years 5-6** will discover the Ecolinc wetland's diverse aquatic life and relationships between these living things. They will also explore the use of wetlands and their role in reducing stormwater pollution.

**Years 7-8** will discover plant and animal interrelationships within the wetland.

**Years 9-10** will explore plant DNA extraction and cloning technologies.  
**BOOKINGS CAN STILL BE MADE BY CONTACTING ECOLINC**

**The Ecolinc website is now on line  
[www.ecolinc.vic.edu.au](http://www.ecolinc.vic.edu.au)**

### **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 5 JUNE 2005**

Ecolinc will open to the community with free tours on Sunday 5 June 2005, 11am—3pm to celebrate World Environment Day.

The Moorabool Shire Council will host a range of activities on the day with guest speakers, environment awards, interactive displays, entertainment and activities for all the family.



View of Ecolinc showing extensive growth of native grasses within the indigenous wetland habitat

## Sponsorship

**Newport Lakes Native Nursery** has very generously donated aquatic plants for the aquarium and two white cypress pines *Callitris glaucophylla*, significant indigenous flora of the region.

**DE&T** has generously sponsored a number of activities for students during Education Week May 15—21 2005.

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## EDUCATION WEEK 2005

### FREE ECOLINC PROGRAMS

**LEARN HOW TO GROW YOUR OWN VEGIE PATCH—Years 3-4**

Tues 17 and Wed 18 May  
1.00pm—3.00pm

**WHAT'S GROWLING IN THE WETLAND? Years 5-6**

Mon 16, Wed 18 & Fri 20 May  
10.30am-12.30pm

**INTERACT WITH THE PLANTS AND ANIMALS IN THE WETLAND**

**Years 7-8**

Mon 16, Wed 18 & Fri 20 May  
10.30am-12.30pm

**NEW BIOTECHNOLOGIES**

**Years 9-10**

Mon 16, Wed 18 & Fri 20 May  
10.30am-12.30pm

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