

## mecu Ecolinc scholarship launched

The **mecu** Ecolinc scholarship was officially launched on 30 August with Term 3 winners St Arnaud SC in attendance. During their visit to Ecolinc the Year 12 Biology students completed a school assessed coursework task involving the extraction of DNA from a number of food items, amplification of DNA via polymerase chain reaction and analysis using electrophoresis. Applications for the Term 4 **mecu** Ecolinc scholarship are now open to primary and secondary schools across Victoria. The scholarship will contribute \$500 towards the cost incurred by a school in visiting Ecolinc. Eligible schools can apply by completing the online application form available from the Ecolinc or **mecu** websites.

[www.ecolinc.vic.edu.au](http://www.ecolinc.vic.edu.au)  
[mecu.com.au](http://mecu.com.au)



Rowan Dowland **mecu** congratulating Vanessa McCormick, Biology teacher from St Arnaud SC, inaugural winner of the **mecu** Ecolinc scholarship for Term 3

Ecolinc is open to the public as part of the 2006/07 Open Garden Scheme. Visitors can explore Ecolinc's extensive wetland and terrestrial basalt plains flora on **Sunday 10 September and Monday 11 September 2006** (10.00am-4.30pm).  
[www.opengarden.org.au](http://www.opengarden.org.au)

A plan outlining locations of all plants will be available on each Open Day.

Ecolinc is conducting a VCE PD day for teachers of Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Environmental Science on **Friday 8 December** to explore new VCE study designs and SAC outcomes. Total cost including morning, afternoon tea and lunch is \$55 per teacher. **BOOK NOW!**

Bookings for Term 4 2006 and 2007 are now being taken.



Year 12 Biology students from St Arnaud SC preparing to analyse DNA samples using electrophoresis techniques

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## BOOKINGS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR 2007

(All Ecolinc P-10 programs are designed to address VELS outcomes, and all VCE programs are designed as complete SAC tasks)

Whole day VCE programs designed to address SAC outcomes in VCE Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science and Physics will again be available in 2007. Each program is designed to be completed at Ecolinc as a SAC. Solutions and assessment sheets are provided to teachers for each program.

## BOOK NOW FOR 2007 TO SECURE YOUR BOOKING.

A new Ecolinc Curriculum Programs Brochure for 2007 will be published in Term 4. Please contact Ecolinc if you would like an advance copy.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

Ecolinc will offer a whole day Unit 3 Chemistry SAC program in Terms 1 and 2 in 2007. Students will use both the atomic absorption spectrophotometer and the UV-VIS spectrometer to complete AoS 1 Analytical Chemistry Outcome 1.

ECOLINC STAFF CAN ASSIST YOU IN PLANNING HALF OR FULL DAY EXCURSIONS WITH END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE **BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

## SPONSORSHIP

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