Ecolinc Programs
Ecolinc offers onsite, online, outreach and professional development programs.

There is an extensive range of engaging onsite programs as outlined on the Ecolinc website. These generally run from 3 to 10 hours and are designed to suit schools or groups of students. There are usually two programs to choose from each visit, which may be booked as a package or as an individual session.

In addition, there are Online Curriculum Programs and Online Resources available to complement existing onsite programs. Online Programs consist of a range of learning objects, which may be completed individually or as a whole package. Current programs have been designed for Years 5 to 8.

Outreach Programs are available to eligible schools and are conducted by an Ecolinc team officer, who is part of a pre or post visit to Ecolinc, or as a stand-alone program, for primary levels. All required equipment, resources and technologies are supplied. All Onsite, Online and Outreach Programs are designed to meet Australian Curriculum Standards and are detailed on the Ecolinc website.

Ecolinc designs, by request, environmental programs for:
• The Victorian Curriculum: Apply knowledge (VCAK)
• The International Baccalaureate (IB)
• VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies
Ecolinc will develop programs to suit individual class requirements and curriculum needs, however these must be booked well in advance. A range of teacher professional learning programs are held throughout the year, designed for participating school staff. Free introductory tours of Ecolinc are available for school staff.

Online Resources
Footprints of the Western Volcanic Plains – is a new signature program that provides activities and learning resources for Years 4 to 7. Students explore the volcanic history of the western plains, which is one of the world’s most endangered ecosystems. Further information can be found on the Ecolinc website.

Sustainability trail – highlights Ecolinc’s ESD features and links to Ecolinc onsite programs including Saving Energy, Renewable Energy and How Real is Climate Change?

Discovering wetlands – is a package of interactive and online wetland education resources for students. Years 5 to 8 (AustVCE-V). It explores the importance of wetland environments, including the plants and animals that inhabit them, the threats they are under and the importance of protecting wetland ecosystems. The activities include a student and teacher navigator, a unique macrovertebrate ID tool, virtual wetland tour, wetlands flashcard interactive, a detective interactive, a task with the experts question and answer session, managing wetland ecosystems animation, interactive quiz and wetlands gallery.

Watching the weather – an online weather unit incorporating the existing ‘Watch the Weather’ unit includes: making weather instruments, exploring the Ecolinc Weather Wall, weather throughout the world, when to plant out a native garden, be a weather presenter, talk to an expert, an interactive quiz, online gallery and glossary. All activities are fully supported by comprehensive teacher notes, student worksheets, resource links and PowerPoint presentations.

Biodiversity of the Western Volcanic Plains – focuses on the flora and fauna of Victoria’s Western Volcanic Plains. Interactive learning objects include a BBFWP flora and fauna field guide app. quadrats online, grassland foodwebs, managing grassland ecosystems, a virtual tour, talk with the experts and an interactive quiz.

Other Information
For more detailed information about our programs or events go to our website www.ecolinc.vic.edu.au or subscribe to our Ecolinc newsletter ‘Newsvine’.

Prices
Please Contact Ecolinc for current program charges.
• Programs linked to Ecolinc are subject to a minimum fee per student, payable to Mt Rothwell.

Facility Hire
Ecolinc Conference Room and Information Resource Centre are available for hire for your next staff meeting, conference or professional learning experience with a focus on environmental technology.
• Conference Room (audio visual presentation equipment and hospitality facilities available, seats 80)
• Information Resource Centre (presentation facilities including laptop and plasma screen technology, seats 28)
Hire costs available on application.

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