

ECOLINC NOW 'PRACTICALLY COMPLETE'

Ecolinc was certified 'practically complete' on the 24 January 2005. All Ecolinc staff have now moved into the Centre and are busy unpacking and storing deliveries, establishing IT infrastructure, setting up classroom, laboratory and preparation room requirements, planning the use of the glasshouse, external vegetable gardens and curriculum program materials to be offered statewide. Welcome to new Ecolinc staff - teachers Nicole Stanley and Lakhvir Singh, laboratory/horticultural technician - Francesca Carta, office assistant - Julie Gogeff and part-time IT technician - Graeme Strachan. We are all looking forward to welcoming students from P-12 schools throughout the state, and are now taking bookings for 2005. Congratulations to Sunshine College

for receiving a free class visit as a raffle prize at 2004 STAVCON. Following extensive rainfall, the Ecolinc wetland is looking stunning, with marsh plants thriving in their new environment. Late last year we heard our first frog call, that of the pobblebonk frog *Limnodynastes dumerili*, now a permanent wetland inhabitant. Our resident pair of masked lapwings (spur-winged plovers) have been joined by many welcome swallows and the occasional crested pigeon and honeyeater. CSIRO recently installed our unique Weatherwall which can be viewed live on the foyer plasma screen. It has generated much interest amongst staff and visitors, particularly with the extreme rainfall monitored recently. This data will also be accessible via our website when completed.



Staff: Julie Gogeff, Graeme Strachan, Lakhvir Singh, Suzanne Clark, Nicole Stanley, Francesca Carta

Sponsorship

Olympus Australia has very generously provided two digital microscopes, one advanced stereo and one advanced compound microscope for the laboratories, adding to the extensive range of Olympus student stereo, compound and video-camera assisted microscope equipment available at Ecolinc. This equipment will provide students with exceptional microscopic capabilities.

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ECOLINC FEE STRUCTURES

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

(cost per student)

P - 4 \$ 5.00 (2 hour session)

P - 4 \$10.00 (whole day)

5 - 9 \$ 7.00 (2 hour session)

5 - 9 \$12.00 (whole day)

10 - 12 \$9.00 (2 hour session)

10 - 12 \$16.50 (whole day)

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

(cost per teacher)

\$20.00 (after school session)

\$50.00 (whole day session)

ECOLINC VENUE HIRE RATES

A range of venues suitable for small and large meetings and conferences ranging from \$50.00—\$350.00 per day.

PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND WILL BE CONFIRMED AT TIME OF BOOKING

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