



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS CENTRE
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Ecolinc - a finalist in the 2009 savewater awards!

Ecolinc is thrilled to have been shortlisted as a finalist in the 2009 savewater awards in the 'Educational Institutions' category.

Ecolinc's next teacher professional learning day 'Wetland Wonders' is scheduled for Friday 4 September. The day provides opportunities for teachers to expand their knowledge of the wonders of wetlands, and to illustrate how wetlands can be used in the P-10 and VCE curriculum.

Ecolinc welcomes Professor Peter Gell (University of Ballarat) who will discuss current research involving diatoms, and Mr Arthur Podkowinski (Olympus Australia) who will provide a presentation on microscopy using a range of samples and microscopical equipment.

Presentations will be followed by 'hands-on' workshops directly applicable for classroom use; incorporating microscopy, aquatic animals and plants, and wetland chemistry.

Teachers of all year levels are very welcome. For more details, please contact Ecolinc or complete the registration form available from the Ecolinc website www.ecolinc.vic.edu.au

Ecolinc is extremely excited to announce a new supporter, Envirosax. Envirosax have assisted Ecolinc in the design and manufacture of Ecolinc's own reusable bag. These will be included in all curriculum packages for all teachers attending Ecolinc professional learning programs. Envirosax offer a range of chic, inexpensive and compact environmentally friendly bags. See the Envirosax website for details

www.envirosax.com



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Ecolinc is very pleased to acknowledge the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research for their very generous donation of a series of large format images featuring the work of Drew Berry. Drew has created spectacular animations for many audiences, including the teaching resource DNAinteractive. The images will be displayed in the Ecolinc Conference Room.

Book now for 2010 to secure your dates of preference. A wide range of K-10 and VCE programs are available, addressing the themes; Life, Water, Earth, Air and Energy. VCE SAC programs for Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science and Physics, and VCAL programs are available. Full details of the 2010 program will be available in Term 4. See the Ecolinc website for details.



Children from Pentland Childcare and Kindergarten making frog masks at Ecolinc.

mecu is currently finalizing a new sponsorship arrangement. The current scholarship scheme has now ceased. Congratulations to the winner for Term 2, Bellarine Secondary College.

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Department of Education and
Early Childhood Development

2009 TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2009

Wetland Wonders - a P-12 workshop exploring the wonders of a wetland including microscopy, plants, macro invertebrates and water chemistry.

MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2009

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

WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2009

VCE Chemistry - a workshop designed for VCE Chemistry teachers updating aspects of the new study design focussing on instrumental analysis.

FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER 2009

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

The cost for each program is \$80 including morning tea, lunch, all refreshments and a full curriculum package. All participants will receive a VIT approved certificate of course completion.

Please see the Ecolinc website for more details regarding Ecolinc programs.



Teachers participating in the 'Sustainable Art' workshop during the 'Sustainable Living' Ecolinc teacher professional learning day.

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