

ECOLINC NOW IN ITS SECOND YEAR

Ecolinc has commenced its second year of operation with a number of new schools visiting in Term 1. Students from Bacchus Marsh Grammar, Beaufort PS, Buangor PS, Trawalla PS, Galvin Park SC and Ballarat SC—East Campus have participated in activities including Microscopy, Plant Propagation, Wetland Sustainability and New Biotechnologies.

Bookings for VCE Chemistry, Biology and Environmental Science in Term 2 have exceeded expectations following presentations and displays at the STAV VCE Science Conferences in February and March.

Semester 1 VCE Chemistry programs incorporate studies of the Ecolinc wetland via chemical testing and use of atomic absorption spectroscopy in the analysis of wetland water to complete Unit 1 AoS 2 Water and Unit 3 AoS 1 Analytical Chemistry SAC Outcome 1.

VCE Biology Unit 1—4 programs incorporate microscopy techniques in the study of plant cells, micropropagation techniques for plant growth, wetland ecosystem studies and plant DNA extraction and analysis to complete a number of SAC tasks.

VCE Environmental Science programs offer a unique opportunity for students to experience both Ecolinc and Mt Rothwell (formerly Little River Earth Sanctuary) after dark, in the study of biodiversity, particularly in the investigation of an endangered animal (e.g. Eastern Quoll or Eastern Barred Bandicoot) to complete Unit 3 SAC Outcome 2.

The Mt Rothwell experience is also available for Unit 2 Biology and P-10 students.

BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

DEVELOPMENT OF THE ECOLINC WETLAND 2005—2006



Ecolinc Wetland February 2005



Ecolinc Wetland February 2006



BOOK NOW FOR 2006

NEW VCE PROGRAMS

Ecolinc offers a range of unique programs in VCE Chemistry, Biology, Environmental Science and Physics. Each program is designed as a comprehensive assessment task.

NEW P-10 PROGRAMS

Ecolinc offers a range of new P-10 whole day programs in 2006. These include:

Endangered species

Visit Ecolinc and Mt Rothwell to investigate a range of endangered animal species including viewing the animals on a dusk walk.

Conducting habitat surveys

Use a habitat survey to determine the health of the Werribee River.

Storm water watch

Explore the Moorabool Shire Council storm water trail along the Werribee River and the Ecolinc storm water wetland.

Further details are available on our website

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