

Ecolinc enters its third year!

Ecolinc has begun 2007 with record attendances and bookings for the year ahead.

Ecolinc presentations at the STAV VCE Science Conferences in February provided teachers statewide with information regarding Ecolinc's unique SAC programs. Ecolinc will host the STAV/VAEE Environmental Science Conference on **Friday 16 March 2007**, and the free VCAA/CEA VCE Chemistry Implementation Workshop on **Thursday 3 May 2007**. Registration for these activities can be made on the STAV Science Victoria, and CEA websites respectively.

www.sciencevictoria.com.au
www.cea.asn.au

Applications for the 2007 Term 2 **mecu** Ecolinc scholarship are now open to primary and secondary schools across Victoria. The scholarship contributes \$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
mecu.com.au

Congratulations to our Term 1 winner, Hawkesdale P-12 College.



A student from Sunbury College using the Ecolinc UV-Vis spectrophotometer.

Ecolinc's award winning facilities are again open to the public as part of Australia's Open Garden Scheme. Visitors can explore Ecolinc's extensive wetland and terrestrial basalt plains flora on **Sunday 18 and Monday 19 March 2007** between 10.00am and 4.30pm.

www.opengarden.org.au

Ecolinc welcomed students and staff from the School of Environmental Studies, Apple Valley Minnesota last week. Following a variety of environmental activities across the state, the students spent an afternoon investigating the Ecolinc facility. Ecolinc also welcomed visitors from China and Japan during February.

Ecolinc is again very pleased to be a water saving finalist in the 2006/2007 savewater awards.



Students from Apple Valley, Minnesota exploring the Ecolinc wetland.

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FREE EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

'CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT' 7-11 MAY 2007

Ecolinc is offering the following free 2 hour programs during Education Week in 2007.

Propagating plants for a dry climate (Yr 1-8)

Develop skills in propagating indigenous seeds and cuttings in the glasshouse and shade house, and explore micro propagation techniques in the laboratory.

Energy and water conservation (Yr 5-6)

Discover how and why Ecolinc saves energy and water. Explore methods to conserve and monitor your own energy and water use.

Energy and water sustainability (Yr 9-10)

Explore Ecolinc's award winning ESD building to discover how energy and water are saved. Participate in activities to explore these features to improve your own practices.

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Thank you to the Department of Education for sponsoring Education Week activities at Ecolinc in 2007, and to **mecu** for sponsoring the **mecu** Ecolinc scholarship.