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Education Week 17–23 May 2009 **Helping your Child Shine**

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ECOLINC ACTIVITIES

Ecolinc will celebrate Education Week this year with FREE programs suitable for Kindergarten - Year 10 students. Students will be introduced to the concept of climate change and sustainability by examining methods used to actively save resources including water and electricity. Students will follow the Ecolinc Sustainability Trail, which explores Ecolinc's unique design features, participate in a series of energy stations, which provide hands on activities, and use an IT program to assess their individual energy use.

Ecolinc's first professional learning day for the year will take place on Friday 15 May. Ecolinc will offer practical workshops investigating a range of 'Sustainable Living' themes beginning with two presentations. Ecolinc is very pleased to welcome Graeme Hood, lecturer in Electrical Engineering, University of and Ms Lisa Benn. Ballarat. Sustainability Victoria, as key note speakers. These presentations will be 'hands-on' followed by three activities directly applicable for school use; sustainable homes, sustainable gardens and sustainable art. For more details, please contact Ecolinc or complete the registration form available from the Ecolinc website www.ecolinc.vic.edu.au



ECOLINC PROGRAMS — SEMESTER 2

Bookings for Semester 2 are filling quickly. Please do not delay in booking for the remainder of the year. A wide range of K-10 programs are available addressing wetlands, vegetable gardens, minibeasts, plant propagation, frogs, sustainability, climate change and plant DNA amongst many others. VCE SAC programs for Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science and Physics are also available.

Due to a number of requests, Ecolinc has developed a variety of VCAL programs, tailored to schools' needs, focussing on VCAL Numeracy, Personal Development and Literacy. All programs, designed to meet student interests, have environmental themes around which the VCAL strands are addressed. Please contact Ecolinc for further information



Bacchus Marsh College Year 9 students investigating DNA extraction



2009 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

FRIDAY 15 MAY 2009

Sustainable Living - a P-10 workshop covering a range of sustainability issues, techniques and teaching ideas highlighting energy and water conservation.

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2009

Wetland Wonders - a P-10 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.

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