

## Ecolinc exceeds projected targets!

Ecolinc has exceeded its projected annual student attendance target at the end of October. Bookings to date have resulted in Ecolinc operating at maximum capacity with schools attending from across Victoria.

Year 3 Oakleigh South PS, recipients of the Term 3 **mecu** Ecolinc scholarship, enjoyed an afternoon/evening program at Ecolinc concluding with a Lions Club barbeque and a night walk along the Werribee River trail. Students enjoyed sightings of a tawny frogmouth with young and numerous brush-tailed possums during the evening.

Congratulations to Flora Hill SC, recipients of the Term 4 **mecu** Ecolinc scholarship.



Year 3 South Oakleigh PS students.



'River Health' community PD session



### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Ecolinc in conjunction with Melbourne Water hosted a 'River Health' PD activity for community members in October. Co-author of 'The Waterbug Book' Edward Tsyrlin captured everyone's attention with a macroinvertebrate sampling session at the Werribee River followed by an identification workshop in the Ecolinc labs.

### FORTHCOMING PD ACTIVITIES

Ecolinc will conduct a **Junior Science** teachers' PD program on **Tuesday 4 December**, designed to equip teachers with knowledge, skills and classroom strategies linked to 'Environmental Sustainability'.

Ecolinc will also conduct a **VCE Science** Professional Development program in December on either **Thursday 6 and/or Friday 7 December 2007**. The program will cater for teachers of VCE Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science and Physics. All VCE Science study designs will be reviewed, particularly the new VCE Year 12 Chemistry course, with hands on Ecolinc SAC tasks available for teachers to sample.

Total cost for either PD including morning/afternoon tea and lunch is \$55 per teacher per day.

**INTERESTED TEACHERS ARE INVITED TO REGISTER NOW TO SECURE A BOOKING AS MAXIMUM NUMBERS ARE APPROACHING**

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## NEW VCE ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY PROGRAM

Ecolinc has recently purchased an IR spectrometer. Together with the AAS and UV-VIS spectrometers, Ecolinc now offers a unique experience for VCE Chemistry students to gain hands-on experience in the use and interpretation of data gained by the use of this equipment as a comprehensive SAC task.

Ecolinc offers a range of VCE Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science and Physics SAC programs which were quickly booked out this year.

Ecolinc also offers a range of P-10 programs addressing 'Sustainability' which have also proved to be very popular.

Full details of all VCE and P-10 programs are available in our new 2008 Programs brochure and on the Ecolinc website.

[www.ecolinc.vic.edu.au](http://www.ecolinc.vic.edu.au)

PD sessions for all VCE and Junior Sustainability programs are available for teachers on 4, 6 or 7 December 2007.

### BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

Applications for the 2008 Term 1 **mecu** Ecolinc scholarship are now open to all primary and secondary schools across Victoria and will close on Friday 21 December 2007. The scholarship contributes \$500 towards the cost incurred by a school in visiting Ecolinc. Schools can apply by completing the online application form available from the Ecolinc or **mecu** websites.

### SPONSORSHIP

Thank you to **mecu** for sponsorship of the **mecu** Ecolinc scholarship.