

# KEEP OUR BIOSPHERE BEAUTIFUL



## Invitation to Schools

November 2009

The Noosa Integrated Catchment Association is inviting all schools in the Noosa Biosphere to participate in *Keep Our Biosphere Beautiful 2010 (KOBB)*.

KOBB is an extension of our Waste Wise Schools Initiated (WWSI). Through its dedicated website [www.noosariver.com.au/wastewise](http://www.noosariver.com.au/wastewise) packed with loads of educational resources, technical inputs from our Education Officer and material support, WWSI has helped local schools to substantially reduce their waste to landfill and deliver learning outcomes.

As with WWSI, KOBB is funded by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and endorsed by the Noosa Biosphere Ltd. We are currently discussing with the Biosphere Education, Research and Development Board on potential collaborations.

### Goal

Engage local schools and communities in keeping the Noosa Biosphere Reserve clean and beautiful.

### What's involved?

- Litter and stormwater education
- Community partnerships for litter prevention
- Public participation in waterway and marine clean ups



## Opportunities for Schools

- Litter and stormwater education (LSE) can be integrated in almost any Key Learning Area (notably SOSE, Maths, English, HPE, Science and Art) to achieve Qld Essential Learnings.
- While students engage in identifying and resolving litter and stormwater issues, Essential Learnings are achieved through the process of inquiry, and enhanced through ICT.
- LSE can be a theme for a year level over a term or implemented across the school during special events (e.g. World Environment Day, World Recycling Day, Cleanup Australia Day, school-wide rubbish free lunches).
- LSE may relate to existing school waste operations or be an integral part of a sustainable school's (QESSI) whole-school environment management plan (SEMP). It has the potential to substantially reduce the ecological footprint of the school.
- LSE activities and learning may be extended to home or community projects, effecting positive changes beyond the school.
- Professional development opportunities exist for teachers in LSE education (e.g. through QESSI).

## Suggested units to achieve Essential Learnings

- Clean Up Australia: Say no to plastic bag (Yr 1–7; SOSE, Sc, Eng, ICT)
- Put rubbish away for good (Yr 1–7; SOSE, Maths, Eng, ICT)
- Waterway pollution (Yr 4–7; SOSE, Sc, ICT)
- Rubbish free lunch (Prep–Yr 10; SOSE, Maths, Eng, HPE, ICT)
- Is our Biosphere sustainable? (Yr 5–9; SOSE, Sc, English, ICT)

## What can NICA offer schools?

- Advice, assistance and presentations from an Education Officer with current knowledge of litter, waste and broader environmental issues.
- Educational resources made available through [www.noosariver.com.au/wastewise](http://www.noosariver.com.au/wastewise)
- **A *Keep Our Biosphere Beautiful* Poem, Song and Story Writing Competition** for primary schools.
- **A *Keep Our Biosphere Beautiful* Short Film Contest** for middle and senior years, with selected films to be featured at the Sunshine Coast World Environment Day Festival (5 June 2010), and online through the Noosa Biosphere Ltd., SCRC and NICA websites.
- Assistance in organizing waste-wise events (school fete, sports day, etc.).
- Linkages to other NICA, Biosphere and community-based environmental projects.

Do contact us for more information. We look forward to working with your school in 2010.

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