



**Greg Aplin MP**  
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### **\$10,500 IN ECO SCHOOLS GRANTS FOR ALBURY**

86 schools across NSW will share in more than \$300,000 funding to implement local and practical environmental education initiatives through the 2018 round of the Echo Schools Grant Program.

Environment Minister Gabrielle Upton joined Member for Albury Greg Aplin at Thurgoona Public School to announce the successful grant recipients.

Minister Upton said “The Eco Schools Grant Program provides funding for schools to create environmental learning opportunities for students, teachers and the school community.”

“The school children participating in these grassroots environmental projects will learn skills for sustainable living, and develop an appreciation for their local environment.”

“Across Albury, Thurgoona Public School, Albury Public School and the MET School have each received a \$3,500 grant under the Eco Schools program – a total of \$10,500.”

Ms Upton said the Eco Schools grants would help young people to learn and value the natural environment.

“These grants help to educate students on the importance of protecting the environment for future generations,” Ms Upton said.

Member for Albury Greg Aplin said “Eco School’s projects provide hands-on, curriculum-based environmental education for students, with a focussing on strong student participation.”

“Here at Thurgoona, students undertake field studies that will inform the enhancement of habitat for the endemic and vulnerable Sloane’s Froglet (*Crinia sloanei*) within the school grounds.”

“This work will be undertaken in partnership with the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage and Charles Sturt University, and will provide meaningful data that will be linked to a range of curriculum areas including science, arts, literacy, and numeracy.”

For more details and project descriptions visit

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/schools.htm>

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