



EAST GIPPSLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY TOOLKIT



solar school

ENERGY

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With growing student numbers at Goongerah, it has been a community concern that the school would become less environmentally sustainable as our facilities increased.

To address this the students, staff and community have sought funding from three agencies as well as making a local financial contribution toward the installation of a grid-connect solar system.

We have a total of 37 x 160 watt panels which makes an impressive display for people passing.

Apart from being a real way of exposing students to alternative power sources, the financial benefits to the school are significant. Our most recent account (first quarter 2010) would normally be a debt of around \$750. This time it was a credit of \$14.

This is a saving for our small school of \$3000 each year on present buy-back figures. Also, we have retained our Renewable Energy Certificates to avoid someone else using them to negate our environmental efforts.

