

# Eco Champions for the Peninsula



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## 2015 School Forum



TOMORROW'S  
LEADERS FOR  
SUSTAINABILITY

***Mornington Peninsula Shire is proud to offer Years 5-8 students in the Shire the opportunity to take part in a one day Youth Eco Champions Forum***

### 2015 Youth Eco Champions Forum general information

**Date:** Wednesday, 5 August 2015  
**Time:** 9.00 am – 3.00 pm (arrive 8.30 am for registration)  
**Location:** Woodleigh School – Penbank Campus - 460 Mornington-Tyabb Rd, Moorooduc  
**Cost:** No charge – 100 places fully subsidised by Mornington Shire

### How will the Youth Eco Champions Forum help your students?

- Give students an opportunity to discuss, debate and negotiate environmental issues of local significance
- Give students the opportunity to learn about sustainability related projects in their community
- Encourage students to take on leadership roles in sustainability related projects at school and in their community
- Give participating students a certificate of completion

### How will the Youth Eco Champions Forum help teachers and school communities?

- Assist teachers to identify informative and exciting ways of incorporating leadership and sustainability within their school
- Provide opportunities for networking with neighbouring teachers and building partnerships with environmental groups

### What is the Youth Eco Champions Forum theme?

- 2015 Theme: Design an ***Eco Champion Project***
- The Forum is all about building a working partnership between each school and a local community group, based on practical projects either in the school, the community or both the school and the community.

### What year levels should attend?

- This Forum has been designed for Years 5 - 8.
- To enable as many schools as possible to attend, only 10 students and 1 teacher will be able to attend per school (NB. Each school student group must be accompanied by a teacher).

### What is it all about?

- Students share their stories about how their school has championed the environment
- Team building activities – a range of activities to assist students to get to know students from other schools, while also learning about leadership and sustainability
- Sustainability Expo where community groups share their local projects and ways they could help a school
- Schools and community groups find possible common ground for working together on a project at the school and / or in the community
- Students (in school teams) plan, sketch and build models of an 'Eco-Champion Project', using a variety of materials
- Teams present their models to the broader audience
- Students (in school groups) give a commitment to undertake a project in their school and / or community

