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Illawarra Coal helps local schools get EnviroSmart

Six local primary schools will receive EnviroSmart grants today from Illawarra Coal and the NSW Minerals Council (NSWMC) to help with the implementation of their innovative environmental programs.

Receiving the grants today are; St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Kemblawarra Public School, St Francis of Assisi School, Hayes Park Public School, Mount Brown Public School and Mt Kembla Public School.

Each school will receive an Illawarra Coal funded grant of between \$500 and \$1000, which will assist with the implementation of a range of environmental strategies and initiatives, including a vegetable garden, waste management programs, native tree planting, and landscape regeneration.

General Manager Sustainable Development and External Affairs, John Brannon said Illawarra Coal is delighted to help local students undertake projects that will make a positive difference to their surrounding environment.

"Illawarra Coal is proud to give schools in the communities in which we operate the opportunity to put real plans into action that will teach students about environmental growth, maintenance and sustainability," John said.

"We applaud the efforts of all local schools who made submissions for the grants and especially acknowledge those who have been successful."

The EnviroSmart program established by the NSW Minerals Council is a valuable education resource for schools that uses the mining industry as a model for learning about environmental management, and focuses on five key environmental issues – Air, Water, Land, Energy and Waste.

Awarded annually, the EnviroSmart grants are designed to encourage and recognise environmental excellence in schools that develop and implement a School Environmental Management Plan (SEMP), which is similar to the environmental planning and management models that we use at our mine sites in the Illawarra and Wollondilly regions.

The grants will be awarded at presentation ceremonies at each school throughout the day.

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