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Silver satisfaction for Scoresby school

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Staff and students at Scoresby Primary School have been working together to reduce their water consumption and learn new ways to save water.

The School was recognised for its water saving efforts when it was awarded *Water – Learn it! Live it!* Silver Accreditation earlier this week.

Water – Learn it! Live it! (Water LiLi) is a free water education program for primary and secondary schools in the Melbourne area. The program provides schools with the opportunity to be recognised for their commitment to water conservation through an accreditation program.

“Scoresby Primary School staff and students achieved important savings in water use; cutting consumption back by 36% in a year,” South East Water’s Education Officer Karen Borton said.

To achieve their silver accreditation, Scoresby Primary has included water conservation into their school curriculum, monitored their water use and started to make changes.

Students and staff have achieved water savings by being more thoughtful about the way they use water. New rain water tanks have helped the School reduce its water use.

“At Scoresby Primary School students have been sharing what they learn about water saving with different year levels - that way everyone can learn more about how to save water,” Ms Borton said.

“The whole school participated in National Water Week with students from each year level preparing creative works of art for the annual poster competition.

“For Scoresby, the importance of water saving goes beyond the school gates with School environment group, *The Sustainables*, working hard to share the importance of saving water with the school community by writing articles for the newsletter.”

Teachers have taken part in the Water LiLi professional development and ensured that all teachers and staff in the school are aware of their commitment to water savings.

In the Knox area, Scoresby Primary School is the third school to reach Water LiLi silver accreditation; four more schools in the local area have reached bronze accreditation.