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## Gold for junior water savers

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A gold accreditation is the reward for students and teachers who are among Victoria's most efficient and water wise, according to South East Water.

Chandler Park Primary School is the first in the City of Greater Dandenong area to achieve a gold accreditation as part of the school education program *Water - Learn it! Live it!*. The school has only been a committed *Water - Learn It! Live it!* school since the end of 2008, making it the most efficient in completing all the set milestones needed to gain bronze, silver and gold accreditation in one year.

South East Water's General Manager for Customer and Community, Murray Goddard, who will be presenting the Gold Accreditation award at the school's assembly, said "Chandler Park's dedication to the program over the past 12 months has been quite inspiring. To achieve gold accreditation, Chandler Park Primary School has demonstrated an ongoing commitment by integrating water into the curriculum at each year level."

"South East Water is very proud to be running this program, which is a fantastic resource for schools as it encourages students to think about the 'bigger picture' with water use."

*Water - Learn it! Live it!* is an industry education program funded by South East Water and the other Melbourne metropolitan water businesses as part of the Our Water Our Future behavioural change program. It encourages the inclusion of water conservation as a focus in the curriculum and everyday behaviours at schools and their communities within the metropolitan area of Melbourne.

Students have shared their learning's about water conservation with other schools and the school has hosted a National Water Week event. Chandler Park Primary School has also hosted a teacher professional development session.

Mr Goddard added "Thanks to *Water - Learn it! Live it!*, the school has become more water aware and has begun to make significant changes in its water use. It has also completed a voluntary Water Management Action Plan. We hope that students continue to act water wise and become ambassadors within their families and local communities, setting a good example through their attitudes and behaviour."

Schools interested in participating in the *Water - Learn it! Live it!* program should visit [www.southeastwater.com.au](http://www.southeastwater.com.au)

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