



Software to teach students enviro tips

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AUSTRALIAN school students will soon be able to swap their top environmental tips with millions of pupils around the world thanks to a groundbreaking computer program.

The program, known as the Study Wizz and developed in Australia, will be launched in London tomorrow with the hope it will play a key role in tackling climate change by teaching students about caring for the environment.

Study Wizz basically creates an international classroom by allowing students to log on to a secure website so they can share written information, photographs, drawings and videos about all sorts of environmental initiatives.

As a result, students in the drought-stricken southern NSW town of Goulburn could teach pupils at schools in London or New York or Jakarta their water-saving tips.

Individual schools also can use the Wizz to monitor their energy and water use and work out ways how to reduce them and save money in the process.

Australia's not-for-profit en-

vironmental education Gould Group and Tasmania-based IT firm Etech are the brains behind the Wizz.

The Wizz doesn't come cheap, however. Schools will have to find \$3000 for the environmental education program.

But Gould's chief executive Ann Marie Colborne says the Wizz is a vital investment and that talks are under way with the Federal Government to subsidise the cost of the program.

"It's the secret recipe to changing behaviour," Ms Colborne said.

"If we teach the kids and let them become environmental leaders, their parents can learn from them and change their behaviour."

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