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Central Australian Schools Save Water

Students and teachers from High Schools in Alice Springs have been busy saving water and passing on water saving tips to fellow students and teachers.

Department of Natural Resources, Environment and The Arts (NRETA) Water Conservation Officer Michelle Walker said two Alice Springs High Schools were offered grants through the NT Waterwise Schools Program to undertake water saving activities.

Ms Walker said Centralian Senior Secondary College (CSSC) had made great use of their NT Waterwise grant.

“CSSC used their grant to replace six single flush toilets with more efficient dual flush toilets, and installed 12 low flow shower roses in gym shower blocks,” Ms Walker said.

CSSC teacher Derek Lammertsma applied for the Waterwise NT grant on behalf of the College and said he has been incorporating water conservation messages within his Integrated Studies class, including studying water harvesting and conservation techniques.

“Another step that the College hopes to take to improve water efficiency on our campus is to investigate the potential to harvest water from our roofs and to use this as irrigation for our water wise native gardens,” Mr Lammertsma said.

“The NT Waterwise Schools Program was a great stepping stone to initiate water saving projects at CSSC.”

Ms Walker said another Alice Springs High School, St Philip’s College, will use their grant to install 23 time-flow tap devices throughout the school.

“The 4-star devices have a predetermined flow rate of three seconds, with an automatic shut-off that ensures the tap is turned off, and is a great water saving device,” Ms Walker said.

“Student representatives of the St Philip’s ‘Round Square Committee’ helped to develop their NT Waterwise grant application, as they were concerned about water wastage, in addition to creating educational waterwise posters that have been displayed throughout the school”.

Schools in Central Australia can once again apply for a grant through the NT Waterwise Schools program.

The next funding round opens this National Water Week and schools may apply for up to \$3000 (including GST) to achieve excellence in water management education and practice.

For more information call 8951 9209, visit www.nt.gov.au/waterwise or email waterwise.nreta@nt.gov.au.

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