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## **Schools Stream Ahead in Saving Water**

A number of Central Australian Schools have successfully applied for a grant through the Northern Territory Government Waterwise Schools program to save water at school.

Department of Natural Resources, Environment and The Arts (NRETA) Water Conservation Officer Michelle Walker said the program, supported by Power and Water Corporation is making great progress.

“The Alice Springs Steiner School have recently received a grant to install a 9000 litre rainwater tank,” Ms Walker said.

“The rainwater harvested from school buildings will then be used to revegetate local flora, giving the added benefit of reducing erosion and dust.

“Papunya School is another Centralian school that has received a NT Waterwise grant to replace 10 water wasting shower heads with low flow versions, and 12 timed push button taps.

“Students from the school will undertake investigations to explore ways to reduce the amount of water used in the school’s toilet and shower block and their community.”

Water South Manager, Alan Whyte, from Power and Water said it was fantastic to see these schools are concerned about water conservation and doing their bit to protect this precious resource.

“Power and Water is committed to supporting activities such as these that encourage protection of the environment,” Mr Whyte said.

Centralian Schools can apply for a grant of a maximum of \$3000 for projects that save water, improve water efficiency or conserve the values of a waterway.

The project must also educate students about water and water conservation, and include links to the classroom curriculum.

For more information go to [www.nt.gov.au/nreta/water/wise/schools](http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/water/wise/schools) or call the Water Conservation Officer on 8951 9209.

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