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BE A SOLAR SCHOOL WITH BEACON

Beacon Lighting and Beacon Solar have teamed up with Green Plumbers and solar hot water supplier Endless Solar to create a comprehensive energy saving product offer to assist schools in going green.

The partnership stems from the demand from often time-poor schools to deal with a single entity that can provide and install a range of energy saving systems.

Driving this demand is the federal government's \$480 million National Solar Schools Program which already has signed up almost 1400 schools since the July launch.

"School principals and bursars are extremely busy and the time required coordinating the purchase and installation of energy saving products can deter schools from implementing such measures," said Beacon Solar's general manager Bernard Wright.

"Our one stop shop offers packages that include solar power systems, energy saving lighting products, rainwater tanks, solar hot water, ceiling fans and motion sensors including professional installation. Together we will reduce the amount of time schools need to spend on such projects."

Mr Wright said that schools had welcomed the offer from Beacon and its partners because all products and installations meet Australian standards, compliance and certification. "Safety is paramount for schools therefore everything Beacon supplies and installs meets strict engineering standards."

Mr Wright added that once energy saving products had been installed, students can monitor and analyse electricity consumption using a cent-a-meter measuring tool provided free to schools that partner with Beacon.

"It's important that students become actively involved in making their schools more environmentally friendly because they'll take their knowledge home and encourage their families to reduce household energy consumption," Mr Wright noted.

Glen Robinson, Beacon Lighting's general manager – merchandise, added that improved school lighting also contributed to a positive learning environment for students.

Beacon will award a 2kW solar power system valued at \$20,000 annually to schools that have incorporated the solar schools energy saving plan into their curriculum and that demonstrate new initiatives beyond the National Solar Schools Program to help make their school more environmentally friendly.



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