

Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability (ACTS) and **The Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC)** are piloting a partnership for a secondary schools sustainability program, called **'Switched On Schools' (SOS)**. Tertiary students from Universities and TAFEs will have the opportunity to take on the role of mentor to the secondary school students participating in the program, to be run through universities and TAFEs with tertiary student mentors. This flyer will detail the vision for the program, the benefits of the partnership, and how to get involved.

Switched on Schools - The Vision

SOS will inspire, motivate and create sustainability awareness amongst hundreds of Australian secondary schools by:

- Igniting student interest through an inspiring presentation.
- Create school action groups that launch sustainability projects.
- Galvanising student leadership and celebrating success at a summit.

Benefits to your campus

- Increase your student involvement in sustainability by becoming a school mentor
- Improve community engagement by running Switched On Schools in communities important to your institution.
- Mentoring may fulfil criteria for your established leadership programs

What's happening in 2012?

A pilot will be run in conjunction with the City of Melbourne called 'Start the Switch'.

- Kick-start with a summit on the 17th-18th Feb 2012.
- 15 Melbourne school groups, involving over 150 students
- Opportunity to pilot the ACTS-SOS partnership.

Want to get involved?

- We are ideally seeking interest from 3 Melbourne institutions to pilot the program by initially supporting the recruitment of mentors
- Only 15 volunteer mentor positions available, [click here](#) to view the position descriptions.
- Mentors need to be recruited by the 20th of January 2012.
- Ask students to register interest at this site.

'Start the Switch' is an opportunity to involve your students in a sustainability program which allows them to gain valuable knowledge and experience as a mentor.

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