

# Turn over a green leaf



**TREE HUGGING:** Albany Hills State School pupils Wesley Meikle and Chloe Ratcliff will make good use of the new Green Diaries.

ALBANY Hills State School was the scene on Friday for the launch of a green diary that will be rolled out to 10,000 students in the state.

Students from the school will be among the first to record their eco-friendly actions in the diary in a bid to make preserving the environment a way of life.

The Green Lane Diary was instigated by humanitarian environment group Green

Cross Australia, which aims to encourage creative ideas that could help shape our environmental future.

Albany Hills school principal Bronwyn Campbell said the school was hoping to encourage the whole community, from children up, to live in a sustainable way.

"It starts at home and it's not some government policy ... It starts with each little kid," she said.

Ms Campbell said the school produced as little waste as possible by encouraging students to recycle.

She said when some students entered high school, they were shocked by the rubbish at their new school.

The Green Lane Diary project is supported by the emerging national curriculum, CSIRO and Education Queensland. It will run

until September for students aged 10-12 years.

The students will receive a diary and a green scrapbook in which they can keep a record of their ecological activities and discoveries.

These will then be judged by Education Minister Geoff Wilson at a special event in November, with the most creative and innovative students crowned Green Lane Heroes.



**SWEET FUTURE:** Apprentice pastry chef Alyssa Gunnis, 16.

## Teen skips school, straight to dessert

KALLANGUR'S Alyssa Gunnis is fast-tracking her way into a career as a pastry chef by leaving school and pursuing her passion at Brisbane North Institute of TAFE.

The 16-year-old is studying a certificate II in hospitality at the college and plans to one day open a bakery of her own.

"Ever since I got into cooking at school, I've been interested in desserts and I quickly knew what I wanted to do with my life," Alyssa said.

"Within 10 years from now I will be a pastry chef in my own prestige bakery. And I believe the best and quickest way to get there is via BNIT.

"My bakery will probably be called Eggshells, because

when I crack eggs I get eggshells in the bowl. Hopefully I'll learn how to stop doing that."

Certificate II in hospitality (kitchen operations) teaches students a range of skills and activities within the hospitality industry.

It can lead to further study, employment as a cook or a career in professional cookery.

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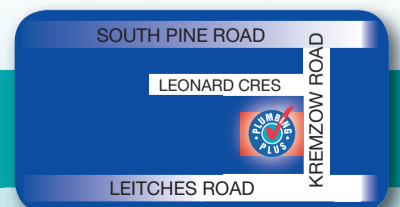
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