



Design students (from left) Breannan Small, Gaele Comparat and Hye Young Kwon. N04CO800

# Green designs

Recycling | Andre Awadalla

DESIGN students at RMIT University's Brunswick campus are used to cutting fabric – but now they're working towards slashing Moreland's carbon footprint as well.

The university has signed up to Moreland Energy Foundation's Zero Carbon Moreland campaign, which aims to cut greenhouse gases by 20 per cent by the end of 2010.

As part of their commitment to the project, the School of Fashion and Textiles is teaching their students how to integrate



sustainability into their future careers as fashion and textile designers.

School head Keith Cowlshaw said learning about such issues was "essential".

"Signing up to Zero Carbon Moreland is an important part of that drive and an effective way for us to deepen our commitment to fostering a culture of sustainability among our students and staff," Mr Cowlshaw said.

Some of the modules included in the school's programs explore areas such as ethical production, sustainability and fibres, new synthetic fibres, organic fibres, toxicity and pollution, production innovations and fabric recycling.

The Moreland Energy Foundation and the university are now looking at ways to measure the campus's carbon output and developing an action plan to reduce it.

**\* This is the seventh in a series of Leader articles on the Moreland Energy Foundation's campaign to reduce the municipality's carbon footprint.**



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