



*The Eco Classroom
ecosystems and walking trails*

TATACHILLA LUTHERAN COLLEGE – ECO CLASSROOM

Year Completed:	1997-ongoing
Building Area:	210 sqm
Site Area:	2.4 Ha

Officially opened in 2000, the Tatchilla Lutheran College EcoClassroom was created to develop in students and other visitors a sense of the importance of nature and natural process.

Modelled on pre-European ecosystems of the region, the fenced 2.4 Ha site has seen a planned introduction of indigenous flora and fauna, including several threatened species. Over 1000m of designated paths weave their way through young and mature plantings, where visitors experience a hands-on, practical learning experience.

The EcoClassroom coordinates a variety of skills development programs from Reception classes through to adult learners. Subjects include Biology, Indigenous Education, Geography, Christian Studies, Art, Vocational Education Training, e.g. Conservation & Land Management and Doorways to Construction.

Schools, community groups, government and non-government organisations also utilise the facilities of the EcoClassroom in teaching, for meetings, functions and forums.

The EcoSkills Centre of Excellence was designed as the information and study centre and features a number of passive and sustainable design elements, including rammed earth walls, comfort glazing, plantation timber and low VOC paints.

Development of the EcoClassroom has been a partnership between the College, local and wider community with funding supported from a number of private and government organisations.

