

College's grant win worth a drink

STUDENTS from Bendigo Senior Secondary College were eager to help the environment after the school won a grant for almost \$10,000 for drink container recycling this week.

The Keep Australia Beautiful grant, funded by the Coca-Cola Foundation, will enable the college to implement the Drink-up Recycle and Save Your Planet program.

The focus of program was to increase recycling programs in places other than the home.

Project results must be measurable and show how recycled materials are being collected and diverted from landfill.

The college's assistant principal Meredith Fetting said the school was delighted to receive the grant and that it would compliment the school's recycling initiatives.

"We have a paper and ink cartridge recycling program and will be installing photovoltaic cells (solar panels) in the future as well as being part of the Adopt a Highway initiative," she said.

Mrs Fetting said the school had almost 2000 students and staff and the number of cans and plastic bottles that could be recycled would exceed 45,000 each year.

"We aim to have a strong education component and we will monitor the volume of material we are able to recycle in this program," she said.

Keep Australia Beautiful national executive Scott Lyall said the school was selected because the project led to a clear and tangible outcome, increasing the recycling rate of drink containers.



CHEERS: Students Emma Lewis, Kelsey Fyffe, Pat Clark, Nick Fitzpatrick and Kami McDonald with some of the recyclable products the college will be contributing to the program. Picture: BILL CONROY