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## Students tanked by their work

A CLAYTON plumbing company has won a national award by using the hands and minds of students at a Mentone school to help install a large underground water tank.

Chadoak Plumbing and Drainage won the GreenPlumbers Commercial Project of the Year award at the annual industry showcase of environmentally-conscious products and services.

Chadoak estimator Steve Philpot said Kilbreda College students helped install the geo-fabric 80,000-litre cell tank last August.

"The students constructing the tank had a huge input, it was giving ownership to the school which ran a conservation program at the same time," Mr Philpot said. Water for the tank is collected from roofs and the school car park and reused on the sporting fields and to flush toilets in the change rooms.

"Even in today's conditions we just need overnight rain and we have water for a week or two," Mr Philpot said.

Chadoak was awarded the contract after doing plumbing work for the school on a science wing, he said.

"An underground cell system seemed to work best - you can get a really good tank without any unsightly or extra fencing," Mr Philpot said.

Chadoak managing director Peter Griffen said the school's involvement had made the project a success.

"Not only was the educational aspect important in terms of what we could contribute to the community, but the work of the students themselves actually made the project a success," Mr Griffen said.

Clayton-based Dux and Notting Hill's Pentair were also named as finalist, for a solar heat pump and a switch for rainwater tanks.



Students were enlisted to help Steve Philpot's Clayton plumbing firm Chadoak install an award-winning water tank.

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