

Solar City billboard winners

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TWO young students are getting their posters displayed on a billboard at Blacktown bus terminal for three months as the prize for winning a competition.

Emileen Flores and Chloe Lamayo, Year 7 at Clare Catholic College, were students of Glendenning Public School when they took part in the Blacktown Solar City's Primary School Billboard Design Competition last year.

Emileen won the Blacktown Solar City Consortium Choice Award while Chloe the People's Choice Award.

The competition was run by Blacktown Solar City Consortium's program to give students the chance to change their household energy consumption and understand the link between energy consumption and climate change.

Students were asked to design a poster with the winning entries to be displayed on a billboard in Blacktown.

Emileen and Chloe's designs were installed on a billboard at the bus terminal below Westpoint shopping centre last Thursday.

Emilee said her artwork tells about how people use a lot of energy and create global warming.

“It also tells us it's our decision whether we want this be a fiction or real,” she said.

Chloe said her design is about the drought Australia is experiencing due to climate change and has the shape of Australia engraved in the dirt.

Blacktown mayor Charlie Lowles said the two girls were excited to have their artwork displayed on a billboard for the community to see and to reinforce the Solar City's project.

He said the Blacktown Solar City project was the first to be launched in NSW in 2006.

“With funding from the Australian Government's \$94 million Solar Cities initiative, a consortium which Blacktown Council belongs can work with the government, industry, businesses and community to rethink how they produce and use energy,” he said.

For more information on the Blacktown Solar City project visit www.blacktownsolarcity.com.au.

