

Stationery

Prepare for the new school year with fashionable, funky but most importantly functional necessities for school, writes SANDY GUY.

Cool school tools

As the holidays end and thoughts of heading back to school loom, every student knows there is nothing like choosing new stationery and pens to help create some excitement about getting back into the classroom.

Eco Office

Eco Office Supplies devotes 100 per cent of its product lines to sustainable alternatives to everyday school and office consumables such as stationery. 'Green' stationery and accessories include biodegradable pens made from corn starch, pencils and pens created from recycled waste paper, re-manufactured toner cartridges, recycled ring binders, and pens recycled from water bottles. The Ecowise recycled diary is made from at least 60 per cent recycled pulp. A5 day-to-a-page \$14.95, A4 \$24.95. Phone 1300 691 500, www.ecoofficesupplies.com.au.

Smiggle

Smiggle's extensive range of stationery are all about fun designs, bold colours and quirky graphics. Smiggle stocks notebooks, exercise books, erasers, pencil cases, binders, rulers — you name it. Funky back-to-school essentials include Posh notebooks (\$3.95), Duotip pens (\$2.95 each) and popular Gift Packs (from \$9.95 to \$50). Find Smiggles stores at 25 locations across metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria by visiting www.smiggle.com.au, or shop online.

Graf notebooks

The simple yet stylish range of Swedish Graf products, including notebooks, is inspired by geography, cartography and graphs to help keep students super-organised in the classroom. Graf A5 essential notebook from \$7.95, A4 from \$9.95, available



Eco recycled pencils.

from kikki K, phone 9645 6346 or visit www.kikki-k.com for stockists.

A Brand Called ED

A Brand Called Ed is the newest range of quirky, stylised stationery in blazing shades of purples, blacks, pinks, greens and electric blues. A Brand Called Ed A4 Notebook \$7.99, available from Officeworks, visit www.officeworks.com.au or call 1300 OFFICE (633 423).

BIC Delete-O Correction Tape

Made a mistake on the homework? The BIC Delete-O Write-Out Correction Tape is ergonomically designed to fit your hand and applies dry so you can correct without mess or fuss, and is RRP \$4.49 from leading retailers including Woolworths, Coles, Kmart, IGA, Big W, Officeworks and newsagents across Victoria.



Eco notebook.



Smiggle A5 Posh notebook.



Smiggle double duo pens.



Smiggle novelty pen.



Graf A5 notebook from Kikki K.

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The 2011 school year starts soon. And speed limits will apply on all days between the following dates (which are inclusive), with the exception of weekends and public holidays:

Monday 31 January – Friday 8 April
Wednesday 27 April – Friday 1 July
Monday 18 July – Friday 23 September
Monday 10 October – Thursday 22 December

Reduced speed limits of 40 km/h or 60km/h will apply as signposted. So slow down and obey the school rules. Call VicRoads on 13 11 71 or visit vicroads.vic.gov.au for more information.