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## Identity Fraud

IF YOU ever throw out old bits of paper such as receipts, mobile phone bills or credit card bills you could be opening yourself up to identity fraud.

Identity fraud is stealing money or gaining other benefits by pretending to be someone else. You might have posted some of this personal info on MySpace or Facebook. Phishing is identity theft via email, when fraudsters pose as a bank, for example, and ask you for personal information. It's the fastest growing crime in the country, netting billions for thieves, who may have spent your money before you even realise it's gone.

**Question for discussion:** Are you careful about what you throw in the garbage? Do you go shopping online?

**Activity:** Write some basic rules about posting personal information online. You may like to make up some possible scenarios where you could be caught out.

### What else is on?

Wall Street update; PNG footy; millionaire girl; Marine Census; what the papers are saying and all the most up-to-date news of the day. Topic on the website and video is ATOM awards.

[www.news.com.au/ttn](http://www.news.com.au/ttn)

## On the right course

**G**OLD Coast girls Jemma Rangely and Carese London used green energy to take pole position in the Queensland Solar Boat Challenge for the second year. The Elanora State High School students showed the benefits of experience in claiming the state open class title.

The Queensland finals were held recently at Evandale Lake where teams raced remote-controlled boats powered directly by solar panels. Jemma and Carese will now compete at the national finals in Sydney. They placed third last year and are looking to improve.

This time they will enter the race with a better understanding of solar design and the skills to get ahead.

In 2007, they wired their solar panels in parallel to make the most of the Queensland sun. In the cooler climate of NSW, this was a disadvantage and they felt their boat underperformed. This year they will make sure their boat is ready for Sydney.

Solar energy design could mean big business in the future and students with skills in green technology can kick-start their careers.

Design and technology is going to be fundamental to Australia's actions to address climate change, says Australian Industry Group energy utilities specialist Nigel Martin.

Elanora State High School will compete at the Sydney International

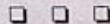


**WINNERS ...** Carmen Auer of Scisco Career Pathways with Elanora State High School's Jemma Rangely and Carese London.

Regatta Centre on November 1 alongside four other southeast Queensland schools. The national event will also feature a sustainability expo and hydrogen car events.

The Solar Boat Challenge is open to students from primary and secondary schools.

For more information, visit [www.solarchallenge.com.au](http://www.solarchallenge.com.au)



THE sun is shining in the electrical industry in Queensland.

As the world moves to address climate change, technologies such as solar power systems have become popular. In the past 10 years, the solar power industry has grown from a handful of small businesses to around 100 businesses and electrical contractors installing solar power

systems across Queensland. The demand for skills in the electrical industry is high and Paul Edwards, from Choice Electric Company in Brisbane, says there are many opportunities in the industry and a great way to take advantage of that is by doing an electrical apprenticeship with an employer that installs renewable energy systems.

Nigel Martin, an energy industry career specialist at Australian Industry Group, says the Federal Government's National Solar Schools program can help students learn about the solar power industry as well as save money on their power bills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Learn more: National Solar Schools Program [www.environment.gov.au/settlements/renewable/nationalsolarschools](http://www.environment.gov.au/settlements/renewable/nationalsolarschools)

## Cyber Ed

### Sites to bookmark:

■ Report – Web 2.0 technologies for learning ([partners.becta.org.uk/index.php?section=rh&catcode=\\_re\\_rp\\_02&rid=14543](http://partners.becta.org.uk/index.php?section=rh&catcode=_re_rp_02&rid=14543))

This report critically looks at how and to what extent young people are using Web 2.0 technologies outside of education and how this compares with their experience in schools.

■ Beyond Cut-and-Paste: Engaging Students in Wrestling with Questions of Import ([fno.org/sept08/cut.html](http://fno.org/sept08/cut.html))

Tired of the "cut and paste" attitude of students? Read Jamie McKenzie's latest article in his web-based "e-zine" From Now On. He offers numerous tips for changing assessment tasks for students.

Links are available on the Headst@rt blog ([www.couriermail.com.au/headstart](http://www.couriermail.com.au/headstart))

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