

New name reflects nature of centre

BOGONG Outdoor Education Centre formally celebrated its change in name to Outdoor School - Bogong.

Outdoor School has two campuses, one at Bogong village and the other at 15 Mile Creek.

The Bogong campus was previously known as Bogong School Camp and Bogong Outdoor Education Centre, and campus principal Roger Blackwell said that the new name was chosen to celebrate the fact that Outdoor School is a school like every other government school in Victoria.

"The name change process took at least three years and has involved open community consultation," he said.

John Pryor as the Education Department's representative along with Ben Derrick as the current school board president spoke a few words before unveiling the new name.

As well as the name change, the school was celebrating the opening of its new Kiewa Discovery Centre.

"The building is architecturally



NEW NAME: Past and present staff, board members, Department of Education staff, Alpine Shire representatives, guests and students from Yarrowonga P-12 School pose with the school's new sign.

designed to enhance the connection between indoors and outdoors, with a high sustainability focus in its structure," Mr Blackwell said.

"For instance, there are two pools sitting just outside sets of louvre windows, and this system acts as an air conditioner.

"The building's 'R Factor', which

relates to its thermal and sound insulation, is extremely high.

"We have tried to blend the teaching component with the sustainable properties of the building."

The building has recently won an educational design award and has been nominated for a Master Builders construction award.