



Teacher Sam Vaiano with students Athen and Jacob.

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Car goes like the wind

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STUDENTS at Northside Christian College are putting the brakes on their carbon footprint.

Mechanically and environmentally minded students are joining parents to build a non-polluting vehicle.

"We're going to convert a small car into an electric car," science teacher Sam Vaiano said.

"The project will target kids who

are interested in science and renewable resources and who want to do their bit for the environment."

Instead of spending big at the petrol pump every week, the vehicle will be made to be plugged into a recharge station and fuelled solely on wind power.

"We will be building a recharge station where we will create electricity for the car using wind power," Mr Vaiano said. "And when the car is completed, it will be

used by school staff to travel around the city."

He believed electric cars would be the eco-solution of tomorrow.

"The next generation of cars will definitely be electric," he said. "They are cheaper to run and much better for the environment."

But changing a fuel guzzler into a breath of fresh air won't be an easy task for the team.

"We're planning to spend a year on the car," Mr Vaiano said."