



Energy tips for the school holidays

The school holidays are just around the corner, and for many parents it means some quality time with the family.

Whether you're hitting the road or staying home, here are some simple tips for managing your energy use over the school holidays.

Manage your energy use the easy way

If you've got kids at home during the holidays, you can keep a check on power-heavy appliances by making a few small changes:

Consider using a **remote controlled power outlet**, which allows you to turn your TV and other appliances on and off remotely, **saving you time, effort and money**. You can purchase these from around **\$13** from hardware stores.

Use **multi-point power boards** to supply your home entertainment devices. This makes it really **easy to turn them all off** at the wall when you're not using them.

Entertainment - without the cost

The school holidays are also a great opportunity for the kids to take a break from the screens and be outdoors. Here are some ideas:

Grab the bikes or scooters and hit the pavement for a family ride.

Involve the kids in gardening. They'll love getting their hands dirty and seeing things grow

Get kids and their friends together for outdoor activities like a **game of soccer**.

Take advantage of local activities

A trip to the library can get the kids out of the house and onto a new and exciting adventure with a good book. Many **libraries also run great school holiday programmes**.

Drop a line and **go fishing!** Queensland's inlets, beaches and waterways have some of the best fishing around.

Take the kids for a picnic or enjoy a bush walk in one of our beautiful national parks.

Going away?

If you're going away over the holidays, you can save on energy costs by taking a few simple steps:

Put a light inside your house on a timer so it looks like someone is home.

Switch off the second fridge - if it's only used for keeping drinks cool, it's an easy way to save while you're away.

Turn your appliances off at the wall to save on standby power.



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