



# Media Release

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## Schools work together for Planet Ark's National Tree Day

Students from three schools in the Break O'Day municipality will come together tomorrow to plant trees at the Rostrevor Scotch Campus in the Fingal Valley as part of National Tree Day.

More than 50 students from Scotch Oakburn, Fingal Primary and the Northern Support School – St Georges Off Shoots Program, will plant trees around the oval, dam and wetland.

Break O'Day NRM Facilitator, Alison Hugo, said the area was identified as priority works through an NRM North funded Environmental Management Plan.

"The day is an opportunity to build community partnerships, bring all these students from different backgrounds together to share skills, knowledge and the love of working in the environment."

The Director of Education, Outdoors and Sustainability, Scotch Campus, Mark Hassel, said planting native species to create shelterbelts and habitats was a strong focus of the college's Environmental Management Plan for the campus.

"The college is also very keen to engage all students in meaningful service activities and to connect with members of the wider community.

"The tree planting on Schools Tree Day with students from Fingal Primary and St Georges School provides our students with a fantastic opportunity to meet these objectives."

Craig Peck from the Northern Support Team said the opportunity to participate in the National Tree Day would give students the chance to complete the process of raising seedlings through to the planting out of tree stock.

"This hands on experience helps consolidate a range of identified skills, providing an authentic horticultural and potential future work experience.

"It is thanks to the partnership between NRM North, the Ravenswood Community Garden, Inspirations Garden Centre and our school, that we have this opportunity to work with students from other schools and adults from the broader community."

Students will be planting at the Rostrevor Scotch Campus between 10.30am and 1pm tomorrow.

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