



# Media Release

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## **NORTHERN SCHOOLS TO BENEFIT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS**

Schools in northern Tasmania are the focus of NRM North's latest round of small grants.

NRM North's School Environmental Grants open tomorrow and offer funding from between one hundred dollars and three thousand dollars to primary and secondary schools, colleges and universities in the NRM North region.

NRM North is investing 20 thousand dollars in total. The funding has been made available through the Australian Government's Caring for our Country program.

NRM North's Education Officer, Michael Black, said it was the third round of small grants to be offered to schools in the last two years.

"It is important we teach younger Tasmanians how to manage our natural resources in a sustainable way. Our grants program enables schools to undertake projects that achieve positive environmental change," Mr Black said.

"Six northern schools have already received funding for projects through the NRM North School Environmental Grants Program this year and nine schools received funding in 2011.

"Some of the projects we have been able to fund include vegetable, bush tucker or biodiversity gardens, seed collection and propagation, weed control and revegetation."

Over the past year, NRM North has distributed more than 200 thousand dollars in grants to schools, community groups and landholders to assist with natural resource management initiatives.

An information kit including grant application forms and guidelines is available on the NRM North website at [www.nrmnorth.org.au](http://www.nrmnorth.org.au)

Kits can also be requested by contacting NRM North administration on 6333 7777 or [admin@nrmnorth.org.au](mailto:admin@nrmnorth.org.au)

Schools needing assistance with the application process should contact NRM North.

Applications close on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

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