

# Media Release

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## Tasmanian students and seedlings grow together

**This July, over 2000 Tasmanian students are set to immerse themselves in the wonders of Tasmanian forests through a unique educational initiative.**

Schools across Tasmania are gearing up to participate in Schools Tree Day, an annual event celebrated in collaboration with Sustainable Timber Tasmania and the Forest Education Foundation.

This event, aligned with National Tree Day, offers students and teachers a hands-on opportunity to plant trees and deepen their understanding of forest ecosystems in an engaging and enjoyable way.

A total of 3,500 native seedlings, grown at Sustainable Timber Tasmania's Perth Nursery, will be gifted to more than 60 schools across the state. Many schools will host planting events throughout July and August, facilitated by Sustainable Timber Tasmania foresters alongside enthusiastic students and educators.

Suzette Weeding, General Manager Conservation and Land Management at Sustainable Timber Tasmania emphasised the educational value of Schools Tree Day.

"This initiative enables students to actively contribute to Tasmania's forest conservation efforts while gaining practical insights into sustainable forestry practices."

"Our goal is for students to take home a fresh appreciation for the environment, plus the gratification of contributing to a greener Tasmania that future generations will inherit."

"Schools Tree Day empowers students to make a positive impact within their community."

Kate Battishall Teacher and Program Development and Implementation at the Forest Education Foundation highlighted the significance of the event in promoting environmental education.

"This event is a fantastic way for students to engage with their local environment. By planting in their school grounds students can develop their own personal connection with trees in landscape and gain valuable insights into Tasmania's forests."

*Planet Ark's National Tree Day started in 1996 and has grown into Australia's largest community tree planting and nature care event. This year, National Tree Day will be celebrated on 26th July. It's an encouragement for all Australians to get their hands dirty and give back to the community.*

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