

# Celebrating Schools Tree Day together

**Together, Tasmanian school students and Tasmania's forest industry are learning, sharing, and planting trees for future generations.**

Sustainable Timber Tasmania has proudly partnered with the Forest Education Foundation to support Tasmanian schools' active participation and celebration of Schools Tree Day this year.

Schools Tree Day is part of National Tree Day and is an annual event that encourages people across Australia to put their hands in the earth and give back to their community.

To celebrate, more than 6,000 seedlings of native tree and shrub species have been carefully grown and cared for in Sustainable Timber Tasmania's Perth Nursery and have been gifted to schools across the state.

To support teachers and students embrace this important initiative, Sustainable Timber Tasmania and the Forest Education Foundation are hosting school planting events with Sustainable Timber Tasmania foresters, sharing forest learning activities and providing educational resources to participating schools.

Sustainable Timber Tasmania's General Manager Conservation and Land Management, Suzette Weeding said Schools Tree Day activities were a positive, fun way to engage our youngest generation in how their forests are cared for.

We are excited to share that more than 40 Tasmanian schools registered to receive seedlings and 25 schools expressed interest to host foresters from Sustainable Timber Tasmania to plant trees with students. Over 600 students will be directly involved in the Schools Tree Day Program this year.

Forest Education Foundation Teacher Kate Battishall said it's been great to see the students and teachers so engaged in the Schools Tree Day Program and associated learning activities and planting events.

"It's a great opportunity for students to build a deeper level of knowledge and understanding around the importance of trees in the landscape, the roles of trees and forests in our society, and how we interact with forest environments," she said.

Participating schools are located across Tasmania, from Sheffield in the North West to Scottsdale in the far North East and Sorell down south.

The Schools Tree Day Program is an important reminder of the value forests and trees provide to local Tasmanian communities in the form of recreational activities, biodiversity, access, and timber products.

**In 2021, Schools Tree Day is Friday 30 July 2021 and National Tree Day is Sunday 1 August 2021.**

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Image 1: Planting seedlings donated by Sustainable Timber Tasmania's Perth Nursery for Schools Tree Day celebrations at St Pauls Catholic School in Bridgewater.