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Sowing the seeds for a greener future

Dalkeith Primary School students left their desks to plant native seedlings at Point Resolution Reserve foreshore on Wednesday morning (2 Aug) after wild weather the previous Friday caused their Schools Tree Day event to re-scheduled.

“Planet Ark’s Schools Tree Day is a great opportunity to teach children from a young age how to care for and protect our natural environment,” City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said.

“Students also learn about the important role nature plays in the life of our planet and why we must protect it.

“Planting native trees in these areas is a great way to ensure that adequate habitat is provided for our native wildlife.

“It’s also an important way we can all contribute to the environment and help fight climate change at a community level.”

Dalkeith Primary School students planted about 1,000 native seedlings, working with the City of Nedlands environmental conservation team.

More than 2,500 schools are involved in Schools Tree Day each year as part of National Tree Day, Australia’s biggest community tree-planting and nature care event.

This year’s theme, Be Inspired: It’s in Our Nature, aimed to highlight how nature ignites inspiration, creativity and purpose, as well as offering significant health and wellbeing benefits.

National Tree Day Manager Debbie Agnew said that participating in Schools Tree Day – running since 1996 – was a fun, exciting way for students to have an authentic nature experience and benefit from learning outside.

“Planet Ark’s research shows that students who take part in outdoor learning programs develop key skills such as emotional intelligence, resilience and problem-solving,” she said.

“They also perform better in reading, writing, maths and science with 77 per cent of teachers reporting student improvement in standardised tests.

“Time spent in nature also reduces stress, and enhances concentration and creativity.”

For more on environmental initiatives within the City of Nedlands, visit www.nedlands.wa.gov.au/environment.



tree planting1: Year 6 Dalkeith Primary School student Amelie Parsons planting a native seedling at Point Resolution Reserve.



tree planting2: Dalkeith Primary School students Mia Riseley, left, and Ava Wilkins dug in for the rescheduled Schools Tree Day event.



tree planting3: Year 6 Dalkeith Primary School students Molly Cummins, left, Geive Anwar, Will Thomas, Ash Mughal and Jason Yang get in touch with the natural environment.

About the City of Nedlands

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from Perth and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the edge of the Indian Ocean. A population of more than 21,000 lives in the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

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