



MEDIA RELEASE

Truscott Street Public School gets the green treatment

Frasers Property volunteers roll up their sleeves for Schools Tree Day

Sydney – 24 July 2017 – Around 50 volunteers from Frasers Property Australia will bring their tools, skills and energy to Truscott Street Public School in North Ryde on Friday, July 28 for Schools Tree Day, to plant trees, create a new outdoor learning area and give the school a green makeover.

With beautiful new timber seating, the new outdoor learning space will be the ideal spot for students to eat their lunch, enjoy some quiet reading time and learn about the environment.

As part of Schools Trees Day, a Planet Ark initiative, Frasers Property volunteers will also plant 850 native plants with the help of the kindergarten class, paint an outdoor chess set, reinvigorate the wheelchair-accessible veggie garden, and undertake mulching and general beautifying works.

Truscott Street Public School is in close proximity to Frasers Property's Centrale community in North Ryde, and Frasers Property has invited suppliers and contractors working on Centrale to get involved in Schools Tree Day too.

The response has been fantastic. Volunteers from construction company Ganellen and landscape architect Habit8 will donate their time and equipment, while a well-earned breakfast and coffee will be provided courtesy of Bingo Bins.

Around 40 students from the school's Gardening Club will be planting trees from 2-3pm. Journalists, photographers and camera crews are invited to capture the day's activities.

Olivia Leal-Walker, Sustainability Coordinator, Frasers Property Australia is managing the Schools Tree Day initiative – the ninth straight year the company has participated.

"Schools Tree Day is always one of our best-attended volunteer events, enabling our team members to participate in the local communities in which they work, make a tangible difference to local schools, and get their hands dirty in the great outdoors," says Ms Leal-Walker.

Schools Tree Day is part of Planet Ark's National Tree Day initiative and every year volunteers from Frasers Property band together to make a positive environmental difference to the local communities in which they live and work, thanks to a bank of 500 staff volunteering days via Frasers Property Foundation.

National Tree Day Manager Debbie Agnew says that participating in Schools Tree Day, which has been running since 1996, is 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 like emotional intelligence, grit or resilience and problem-solving. They



also perform better in reading, writing, maths and science, with 77% of teachers reporting student improvement in standardised tests. Time spent in nature also reduces stress, and enhances concentration and creativity," Agnew said.

Centrale is a new community integrated with the North Ryde train station. Located one train stop from Chatswood and 13km from Sydney CBD, it will comprise four residential buildings with 380 apartments in a mix of one, two and three-bedroom configurations when complete.

Media is invited to attend Schools Tree Day at Truscott Street Public School on Friday, July 28. Olivia Leal-Walker (0420 723 236) is the best contact on site for the day and the ideal time for photographers to attend will be from 2pm onwards.

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