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Students plant a forest of the future

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A bold environmental goal is one step closer to being achieved after Halls Head College Education Support students held a tree planting day.

Last Friday, August 28 marked a momentous occasion for the school.

Principal Deb Fieldwick, Eco Leader and Sustainability teacher Graeme Dixon and Year 10 Eco Leader students and staff gathered at Marlee Park in Parklands to plant trees.

The school's vision is to have a tree planted for every child in Mandurah schools, in an effort to offset the community's carbon footprint and to plant a forest for the future.

Mr Dixon has been working in partnership with the City of Mandurah to get this project off the ground.

Special guests, mayor Rhys Williams and deputy mayor Caroline Knight joined students in planting seedlings that students had propagated from seed and been growing and nurturing at school.

Cultural advisor and elder, Koodah spoke with heart about connection to the land and the importance of projects like this.

Students worked and planted alongside school staff, community volunteers, former parents and students as well as some school board members.

Through the Eco Leaders school program, students are learning the importance of our environment and how to sustain it by caring for our coast and restoring degraded land and encouraging the growth of trees.

"We are striving to reach our goal of planting a tree for every child in Mandurah schools," principal Deb Fieldwick said.

"It may be a lofty aspiration, and it may take many years, but we think it is a dream worth pursuing. A forest representing the future generation of Mandurah, I am sure you will agree is a wonderful vision."

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