Eco Warriors Dig Deep for the Environment

On Monday the 29th of April, the Eco-Warriors from Cleveland District State High School held their first tree planting session for the year. This was held after school and was a voluntary activity for Year 7 students. The organiser for this event was Mr Gauthier, and other teachers such as Miss Moriarty volunteered their time. I sat down with Mr Gauthier to have a chat about this valuable and exciting event.

When asked what the purpose behind this exercise was, Mr Gauthier replied, “To plant more Eucalyptus trees along Smith Street to increase our koala population and to get Year 7 students involved in an environmental activity.”

The types of trees planted were Eucalyptus and Black Gum trees because koalas only eat those leaves.
The Location of this session was in between the oval tree line and the school fence line along Smith Street. This was chosen because of the 3 metre gap between the boundaries.

Mr Gauthier said that this exercise has been running for a couple of years and he is planning to continue with it into the future.

The trees require care and maintenance every 2 weeks, therefore the Eco-Warriors and volunteers water and fertilise the existing planted trees and plant new trees.

You will find the Eco-Warriors planting and maintaining trees every second Monday afternoon, weather permitting. The next planting will be held on the 17th of June straight after school. Volunteers meet under M-Block and the activity will run to approximately 3:50pm. For anyone who would like to join the Eco-Warriors on Monday afternoons, we would love to see you there. I would like to thank Mr Gauthier for giving up some time to talk to me about this event.

Year 7 and Year 11 Eco-Warriors

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