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Green Day to Help Save Koalas

St George Girls High School is helping save koalas by raising much needed awareness and funds during their *Green Day* on Wednesday, 16th November.

Being the Year of the Forest the girls from the school's 'Enviro Club' adopted the Australian Koala Foundation's (AKF) *No Tree No Me* slogan, using it as an opportunity to increase awareness of how students can not only make a difference to the plight of the koala but to other environmental issues.

CEO of the Australian Koala Foundation Deborah Tabart OAM, who is the keynote speaker for the event, said she thought it was a great initiative.

"I am so pleased that St George Girls High School has put on this event and they are taking the opportunity to highlight the koala.

"I was very excited to hear about the school's *Say No to Bottled Water* campaign as I am obsessed with plastic; I think it is so important that environmentally responsible attitudes are instilled in young people and St George Girls High School is leading the way", said Ms Tabart.

Green Day includes an interschool forum that gives the students participating an opportunity to share information, ideas and problem solving techniques on environmental issues.

Diane Duffy from St George Girls High School said that they want to give the students a 'beyond the school gates' attitude towards protecting the environment.

"Since becoming the Enviro Coordinator at St George Girls High School I have maintained my motto 'plant a seed and grow a tree'

"The students often ask 'can we do this or can we do that?' My response is always yes of course you can, it is about showing them that as a group they can be powerful and be heard", said Mrs Duffy.

The day will consist of a number of workshops run by guests from different environment, conservation and government organizations as well as a sausage sizzle and other fun activities for participating students.

Year sevens will participate in a workshop run by Featherdale Wildlife Park that will feature Rose the koala who St George Girls High School sponsor through the AKF's Adopt-a-Koala program.

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