Brian Road Public School captains Peter Samauga, 11, and Elizabeth Lilomaiva (front), 12, join vice-captains Kyle Brown (back from left), 11, and Killara Bell, 12, and Russell Matheson to plant seedlings.

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Students dig deep for blooming cause

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BRIAR Road Public School was one of many Campbelltown schools to participate in one of Australia's biggest environmental initiatives last week.

The Airds school took part in Campbelltown Council's community tree planting activities as part of Planet Ark's National Tree Day. A number of other sites across Campbelltown were also part of tree planting activities, including the Minto Basin Reserve and Kennett Park, and understorey planting on the corner of Narellan Rd and Gilchrist Drive.

Trees and shrubs planted at each site were a combination of native seedlings and advanced native species.

Campbelltown Mayor Russell Matheson said National Tree Day was Australia's biggest community tree planting event and a great way for residents to help out by planting native trees and shrubs in their local area.

The council supplied and delivered seedlings to local schools that registered to participate in the National Schools' Tree Planting Day last Friday.

Briar Rd assistant principal Stephen Chomicz said the school aimed to develop native gardens.

"The children are the future, so it's important they take responsibility now for our future direction and National Tree Day helps with that," he said.