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SCHOOL WORKS WITH COUNCIL TO CREATE HABITAT TO BOOST LOCAL WILDLIFE

City of Ryde Council is working with Holy Cross College Ryde on a project to create a new bird and wildlife habitat micro-corridor on the school grounds. Establishing the micro-corridors will help reconnect the wider local network of bush corridors, allowing birds to travel through the school space and connect with other local areas.

The project took flight after an area of the Holy Cross College was identified as strategic to the Council's *River to River Wildlife Corridors* project that links fragments of bushland between the Lane Cove and Parramatta Rivers.

This year alone Holy Cross has planted over 900^{sqm} of the site along Cressy Road Ryde with several thousand native plants to provide food and habitat for small birds.

Other local schools who have joined the project are St Josephs College and Riverside Girls High. The Council is also encouraging residents to be part of the project by planting native plants in their backyard to assist the survival of local fauna and flora.

The *River to River Wildlife Corridors* project has already seen over 12,000 plants established in the local Ryde and Hunters Hill areas. It is funded by the NSW Environmental Trust and run by the City of Ryde and Hunters Hill Councils in partnership with the Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority.

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