

Biodiversity Audit 2020

On Friday 19th June 2020, a group of enthusiastic Year 5 students conducted a Biodiversity Audit of both the Senior and Junior Campuses accompanied by Geoff Segal, Sue and Katie Doherty.

Students split into groups and looked at:

- Understorey and Vegetation Structure
- Tree Measurements
- Logs, rocks and soil management
- Organic litter
- Habitat extras
- Environmental weeds

Each group recording their findings in each area and then completed our School Ground Habitat Quality Assessment which then gives us score out of 100 for our Biodiversity.

Schools are encouraged to aim for a score above 75 – our score was 52. This gives us a good goal to develop our school grounds and when we discussed the results and recommendations we came up with the following suggestions that we hope to work on over the next year:

- More native plants – plant along fences, strip of land
- Vertical gardens
- Educate students about plants and looking after them not jumping on them
- Signs to tell people what they are
- Get classes to adopt a tree and look after it
- Use more logs and rocks in areas for lizards and small insects
- Use mulch on all garden beds
- Make nesting boxes for trees
- Organise more working bees to get rid of weeds

When the Green Team meets we will be discussing these options and start our work towards a score above 75!

