

## Bushland October Update

## The season of Kambarang

Kambarang brings more warm, dry days.

Some of the small plants in our bushland have finished flowering and go dormant for the hot season, such as the donkey and cowslip orchids. Now some of the biggest plants - the Jarrah and Marri trees, will begin to flower. And watch out for Koolbardi the Magpie as he swoops to defend his babies!

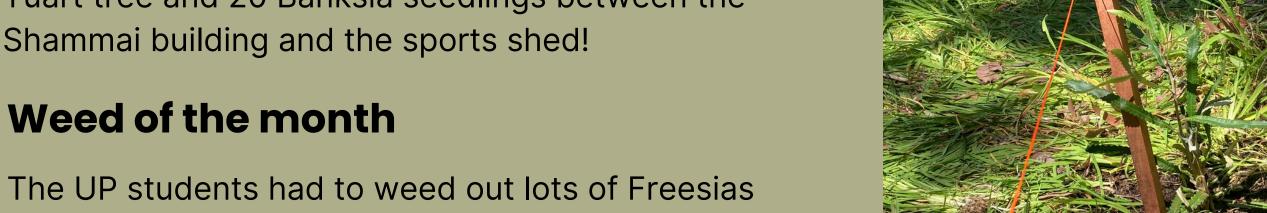


An early Marri flower blossom.

## Did you know?

Last term we received donations of plants leftover from commercial land rehabilitation projects:

Pre-primary students have planted Kangaroo Paws near their playground, beside the new secondary classroom. Upper Primary students did a mighty job to plant out 40 Tuart tree and 20 Banksia seedlings between the Shammai building and the sports shed!



The UP students had to weed out lots of Freesias to clear space for the trees they planted.

Freesias have a fan of flat, green leaves up to 40 cm high with trumpet-like cream, white, yellow or purple flowers in spring. They die back each summer to an underground corm. The fragrance from them causes headaches for some people.



Banksia seedling, surrounded by trampled freesias.

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**Priority: Natural Environment** 

Conserve and manage the School's bushland and surrounds for the benefit of the community.