

# SCHOOL FOREST BOX FUNDRAISER



## PLANT CARE GUIDE

**TO INCREASE THE SUCCESS AND ENCOURAGE HEALTHY GROWTH OF YOUR NEW SEEDLINGS, FOLLOW THESE STEPS WHEN PLANTING:**



### **STEP 1: CREATE THE IDEAL HOLE**

Dig a hole twice as wide and deep as your plant container. Use a garden fork to loosen the surrounding soil to aid root growth.



### **STEP 2: SOAK THE SOIL**

Fill the hole with water and let it fully soak in, in clay soils this process might take longer.



### **STEP 3: SOAK THE POTTING MIX**

Submerge the seedling (in its container) in water until it stops bubbling, ensuring it's well-hydrated.



### **STEP 4: TRANSFER THE SEEDLING**

Gently tap and squeeze the container to remove the seedling. Support its stem with one hand, and with the other, hold the roots and soil together, placing it in the hole.



### **STEP 5: REFILL THE HOLE**

Backfill the hole with soil, tamping it down. Water the seedling thoroughly to settle the soil and avoid transplant shock.



### **WATERING TIPS:**

For the first few weeks, water seedlings every other day. Once established, give a deep soak weekly, especially during hot periods. It is best to water during cool hours. Mulch to reduce evaporation, minimise weeds, and foster beneficial soil organisms.

**NATIVE GARDENS SUPPORT LOCAL WILDLIFE AND GENERALLY USE LESS WATER. ADDING NATIVE PLANTS CAN HELP TO SUPPORT NATIVE BEES, BUTTERFLIES, LIZARDS, AND BIRDS, AND CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT ADELAIDE.**