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Trees planted in honour of The Queen's Jubilee

The legacy of Queen Elizabeth II will live on for decades thanks to 18 new trees sprouting on the oval at St William's Catholic primary school at Grovely.

The trees were officially commemorated today, bringing shade and colour to St William's huge oval.

More than 50 parents and students helped to plant the semi-mature silver myrtle trees for the school that boasts more than 460 students.

The trees were funded through the Federal Government's Planting Trees for the Queen's Jubilee program that marked 70 years of Her Majesty's rule before her death in September.

Queen Elizabeth's reign began just five years before St William's took in its first students. Over the next 65 years, the school has become a much-loved part of the local community.

"This was an opportunity to mark the Queen's platinum jubilee which almost coincides with St William's history," principal Nick Fogarty said.

"These trees will provide great shade for our students and continue to enhance this wonderful oval.

"And they also help with St William's commitment to sustainability which is important in all that the school does.

"Our students understand the importance of sustainability and the environment so the sight of 18 new trees complements that focus."

St William's was established in 1957 by the Good Samaritan Sisters and was initially known as St Philomena's.

The school changed its name in 1963 as it continued to expand in a fast-growing area of Brisbane.

"We understand the history of St William's and its importance to so many families in this area," Mr Fogarty said.

“We are constantly looking at ways to improve outcomes for our students and these trees are a welcome addition to our school.

“We thank the Federal Government for enabling St William’s to take part in the program.”

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Image with caption attached.

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