

The tree belongs to one of our families and the Forever Green Group (of students R-7) at St Catherine's have visited it a number of times to observe changes, measure growth and just enjoy a beautiful, majestic tree. The owners of *Blinkbonny* have been very generous hosts and our students think of it as their very own tree. Professor Paul Clarke from the UK (St Mary's University College, London) has been working with students from Catholic schools in South Australia and visited our school to host a student forum on Ecological Conversion. Paul spoke to our students about how if each person got to know a special tree and developed an affinity with the natural world, then the world would be a better place and we would hopefully see greater action on climate change. It was then that the owners of *Blinkbonny* shared with us their beautiful oak tree. It may not score the most points but it has already given so much to our students and the many other people who have been lucky enough to stand or sit beneath its branches, so we very much appreciate you accepting our nomination.