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Brooklyn students celebrate their favourite tree being named as one of the biggest trees in the NSW.

Just tree-mendous

LARGEST CAMPHOR LAUREL IN THE COUNTRY

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THEY have played under it, eaten little lunch in its shadow and swung from its branches instead of knuckling down to homework.

But Brooklyn Public School students never knew their favourite tree was the country's biggest camphor laurel.

The students recently celebrated the 110-year-old tree

being registered with the National Register of Big Trees. According to the register's formula it is the largest camphor laurel and the state's second largest tree overall.

The register determines how large a tree is on a points system where girth, height and crown are calculated. Brooklyn Public School's tall timber has a circumference of 7m, a

height of 26m and a crown of 30m, giving it an overall score of 385 points.

National Register of Big Trees co-ordinator Derek McIntosh said he started the register to spread his love of trees among others.

"I just love trees," he said.

"They are a great part of community life and now when you find a really big tree you can compare it to others around the country."