



SCHOOL FOOD GARDENS

Collingwood College, the school where the program first began

Our vision is cultivating a food garden in every school

FOOD, LEARNING AND GROWING

At Cultivating Community we teach students how to grow their own food, reduce food waste and act sustainably.

Schools are increasingly recognising the benefits for students, staff and the community of having a food garden that is integrated into the curriculum.

Our School Food Garden Program will provide your school with a vibrant and productive food garden and outdoor classroom where one can tie all learning into the curriculum.

Program benefits identified by current schools in the program are:

- The learning is 'hands on' and incremental
- Students love getting out in the garden
- The food garden enriches the outdoor environment
- Staff make curriculum links and take the learning back into the classroom

Cultivating Community can assist your school with:

- ✓ **Design, construction and management of a school food garden**
- ✓ **Professional development workshops for your staff on teaching outdoors**
- ✓ **Food education strategies for your school**
- ✓ **Other school-based food projects**

PROGRAM AIMS

Our program aims to:

- Provide students with the practical skills and knowledge required to grow food
- Support staff to connect the outdoor learning to the curriculum in the classroom
- Strengthen the school community through growing and sharing fresh food

LEVELS OF ENGAGEMENT

Your school community is engaged in the development and construction of a functional and attractive food garden that can be used as an ongoing outdoor classroom.

Students are provided with the practical skills required for growing food each season along with a deep understanding of food security and sustainability.

We build staff capacity to utilise the outdoor

classroom, link in with the curriculum and embed the learning that takes place in the food garden.

Community connections are enhanced by strengthening student, parent and community involvement with the food garden.

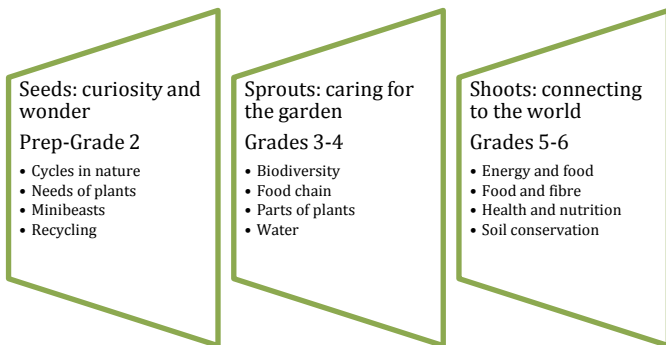


Student watering the vegetable garden

“Why try to explain miracles to your kids when you can just have them plant a garden”

Robert Brault

needs of your school. A passionate and highly skilled Garden Educator will deliver up to 4 classes and maintain the food garden during school holidays. Our lessons are adapted to best fit with your curriculum priorities and lessons are planned to ensure classes run in all weather conditions. Our program will help your school create a showcase garden. The cost to your school is \$26,926.75 (GST Exc) in 2019. Budgeting for equipment and supplies required to maintain the garden is in addition to the program cost.



DELIVERY AND COST

Our program is delivered over 12 month and is flexible so that it can be tailored to meet the

Join the School Food Garden Program today!

For more information or to sign up to our program, please contact:

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Cultivating Community's first funded food garden project with schools was in 2000 working with kids from across three housing estates to grow food both at home and at school. From this very first seed sown 16 years ago the School Food Garden Program was born and has evolved into a program that still assists schools today to develop a food garden program that is tailor made to fit each school culture and community. To find out more about our program contact Cultivating Community today.

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