

NARRE WARREN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



Garden Policy

Rationale

The school garden is an important tool for student learning. Students are able to learn about the growth and development of plants, their needs to grow, how to nurture the growth of plants and how the environment impacts on the growth of the plants.

Biology is an important part of the Science Curriculum and working in the garden supports many areas of the biology curriculum.

Students also learn many important transferable skills including teamwork, cooperation and patience.

PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

- Outline acceptable and unacceptable practises when using school garden
- Actively support access by students to the use of the school garden

GUIDELINES FOR ACTION

Using the garden is an important part of student education.

- Teachers will ensure students are educated about garden practices and look after the school garden
- Students will take part in learning activities about the garden and look after the school garden
- The Garden Coordinator will provide students with the opportunity to take part in developing and maintain the school gardens and promote the garden within the school.

Staff responsibilities:

Staff will:

- ensure students are educated on the proper use of the garden prior to using it
- ensure all garden equipment is stowed away correctly after use.
- organise times with the garden coordinator if they wish to use the garden with their class
- ensure students use the garden and gardening equipment respectfully

Student Responsibilities

Students will:

- only use the garden and gardening equipment with permission and guidance.
- take care not to harm the plants when in the garden
- put the tools away neatly in the correct locations when they have finished in the garden.
- use the garden and gardening equipment respectfully.

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