



SCHOOL FOOD GARDENS

Seeds can be used for maths, science and art

Making the most out of your outdoor classroom

WORKSHOP FOR TEACHING STAFF

Many schools do not capitalise on the opportunities a school food garden provides for students to learn outdoors. This workshop 'Making the most of your outdoor classroom' will provide teaching staff at your school with concrete ways to utilise the green space in your school.

This workshop has been designed to provide inspiration, information, and resources that support teachers to embed learning and enhance links to the curriculum within your schools' outdoor environment.

This workshop will cover a broad range of subject matter that can be tailored to the unique needs of your school.

WORKSHOP OUTLINE

The workshop will begin with a brief introduction and a challenge to the model of teaching all classes indoors.

Staff will be provided with the opportunity to identify for themselves the pros and cons of teaching outdoors as well as some of the benefits for students.

There will be an activity that provides practical ways in which an outdoor classroom can be utilised by all teachers at each year level. This activity is tailored to a focus area that the school is currently investigating or about to begin.

Workshop outline

- **Introduction**
- **Changing the teaching norm**
- **The pros and cons of learning outdoors**
- **Benefits for students**
- **Activity - linking the outdoors to the curriculum**
- **Resources to assist teachers**
- **Questions and feedback**

The teaching qualities and skills required to work effectively in the outdoor classroom will be discussed and resources provided to assist staff in transitioning to teaching outdoors.

A highly interactive workshop that emphasises teamwork and staff participation, the facilitation style is informal yet engaging.

“The best classroom and the richest cupboard is roofed only by the sky”

Margaret McMillan c.1925



What can we learn from worms?

WORKSHOP FACILITATOR

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Cost \$500 (+GST) for 1hr (metropolitan melbourne schools only)

Free to schools in Cultivating Community's School Food Garden Program

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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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