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Dream gardens and outdoor classrooms become a reality for 25 schools

More than 3,000 students in 25 schools across seven states will soon be donning their gardening gloves and getting stuck into creating their dream gardens thanks to the Yates Junior Landcare Grants for Gardens Program.

Launched in May, the program received a record number of applications, with hundreds of schools submitting creative and exciting ideas for outdoor classrooms and gardens, with hand drawn plans, short films and mood boards.

The funded projects include a number of Indigenous Plant and Cultural projects, including at Yorketown Area School in South Australia, and Gundagi Public School in New South Wales. Sensory spaces and gardens are also a popular choice, with Mannum Community College in South Australia creating a 'Sensory Wellbeing Garden', which will be part of an outdoor learning complex. Glengarry Primary School in Western Australia will create an 'Upcycled Sensory Wonderland' to include climbing areas, drums, and a sensory pathway around the garden to provide a unique and interactive learning area.

15 x \$2,000 grants were originally offered through the Yates Junior Landcare Grants for Gardens program, with extra funding for an additional 10 grants put forward by Yates due to the high demand and high quality of applications. Each school will receive \$1,500 in funding, \$500 of Yates garden products and a growing consultation with a Yates gardening expert to arm the students with tips and tricks to help their gardens thrive.

Angie Thomas, Yates Horticultural Communications Manager, is delighted to see such huge interest in the program.

"We have had such an amazing response from the Garden Grants this year, which shows that our mini green thumbs are passionate about the environment they live in and love to get their hands dirty. We are thrilled to be able to support 25 Schools and Communities on bringing their garden dreams to life" she said.

Tessa Matykiewicz, Landcare Australia CEO, is looking forward to see the funded projects take root.

"It is so important to have projects such as these available for children to get involved in. The benefits of outdoor learning in a hands on way are vast, and thanks to our partnership with Yates, more than 3,000 students will have the opportunity to learn skills that will stay with them into the future," she said.

For a full list of grant recipients, please visit www.landcareaustralia.org.au/grants-for-gardens or www.yates.com.au

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About Yates and Junior Landcare



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Junior Landcare is about encouraging young people to play an active role in ensuring the safe future of their environment. Yates is Australia's leading garden care brand and a long-term partner of Landcare Australia, and key supporter of its Junior Landcare program. Proceeds from the sale of Yates' Nature's Way products with the Landcare Australia logo fund Junior Landcare projects. Support includes growing challenges and grants programs and aims to help young people, schools and youth groups connect with the land and how plants grow.

State	School/ Group	Project Name
ACT	Monash Primary School	Strawberry Dreaming
NSW	Gundagai Public School	Indigenous Cultural Garden
NSW	Undercliffe Public School	A Natural Oasis
NSW	Sherwood Christian Community School	Our Up-cycled Sensory Garden Dream
NSW	Metella Road Public School	MRPS Get our Garden Growing!
NSW	Central Coast Montessori Primary	Kanyini Community Garden
QLD	Tambo State School	Going Green in Tambo
QLD	Kirwan State High School	The K-Patch: Sustainable Vegetable & Bush Tucker Garden
QLD	Talara Primary College	Upcycled Play Garden
QLD	St Thomas's Riverview Kindergarten	Butterfly & Sensory Garden
SA	Yorke town Area School	Narungga plant and cultural trail
SA	Mannum Community College	Sensory Well Being Garden
SA	Meadows and Districts Kindergarten	Sensory Symphony: Creating an interactive garden for all ages and abilities
SA	Whyalla High School	Whyalla High School Sensory Garden
SA	St Brigid's Catholic Primary School	STEM - Natural Play Space Design Project
SA	Seaview Downs Primary School	Seaview Downs Primary School Sustainable Garden
Tas	Kingston Primary	Creating Our Kids Canteen Corner
VIC	5th Northcote Scout Group	5th Northcote Junior Landcare Project
VIC	Manchester Primary School	MPS Garden Classroom
VIC	St Joseph's Primary School	Sustainable, Sensory and Interactive Garden
VIC	Waverley Meadows Pre School	Up-cycled Nature Garden
VIC	Donburn Primary School	Seasonal Sustainability Garden
VIC	Estrella Pre-school	'Hands on' sensory garden fuelled by worms
VIC	The Basin Preschool	The Basin Preschool Nature Playspace
WA	Glengarry Primary School	Up-cycled Sensory Wonderland



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