

LANDCARE AT THE HEART OF OUR SCHOOL

REGENERATING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Creating a space for students to thrive and learn

At North Ainslie Primary School a collaborative project was undertaken to convert the bare and dusty oval into a beautiful naturescape. This previously degraded urban land now consists of a dry creek bed, sand and mud pit, 4 lush natural turfed playing fields, over 50 trees, hundreds of local native plants, and an extensive network of water infiltration trenches.

This project was a collaboration between local landscape designers, experts in water smart urban design, play experts, students, staff, parents, and local Indigenous leaders and was underpinned by "Caring for Country" principles.

Now that the regeneration project is complete, students enjoy connecting with nature on a daily basis during their play and learning time.

The regenerated space provides exciting and authentic educational potential and is utilised by the school for lessons and activities that boost children's connection to the natural world.



POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS AND THE FUTURE OF LANDCARE

By engaging our youth and schools in Landcare and sustainability projects we can support students' natural desire to take action and care for the environment. By ensuring students are surrounded by nature on a daily basis we can develop their love and need for nature.

"We are the next generation. It is important that all students learn how to care for the environment."

EVERYDAY OPPORTUNITIES TO CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

At our school, we:

- Participate in sustainability and garden lessons (PACH Program) in our school veggie garden.
- Enjoy participating in Garden Club.
- Engage in community initiatives such as Bird-life Australia's Gang-gang project.
- Celebrate important days such as National Tree Day and World Bee Day.
- Support student-led initiatives such as Green Team and Waste Warriors.
- Undertake sustainable practices such as composting and recycling soft plastic waste.

