

SACRED HEART

SCHOOL GARDEN

What are we doing?

Our school is making a sustainable community garden. We have split up into groups such as water specialists, compost and worm farming, marketing, designing and planning, horticulturist, construction and funding, to work on different areas to make this garden a reality. We need to make our garden healthy for the environment and also safe for the community.

What we have done?

Our achievements so far have been building the Vegepods, filling them with soil and planting seedlings in them. Also cleaning and painting the tyres and getting the area and space ready for the garden. We have also filled up the water tanks and levelled the ground so it's even.

What is our goal?

Our target is to make a sustainable school garden for the community. We are hoping to get some food out of our garden such as lettuce and broccoli. Our hopes are that we can sell some of the food that we make out of this garden in the canteen or to our community around Mona-Vale.



Building the Vegepods

Firstly a man named Paul from the Vegepod company came and showed us how to build the Vegepods. He told us the advantages of the Vegepod. Vegepods have a self watering wicking system and a protective cover which protects it from pests that could harm our garden.

We all worked in groups to build the Vegepods. Some groups built stands, some built the net and the others built the pods. It was a fun day and everyone had to work as a team to create the Vegepods.



Filling the veggie-pods with soil

Firstly we brought the bags into the garden then poured what we needed to pour into the veggie-pods. After the 2 days of working around the veggie-pods we had finished. The exact amount that went into each pod was firstly 3/4 of perlite, the 8 bags of soil, then 4 bags of cow manure, then finally the last quarter of the perlite bag.

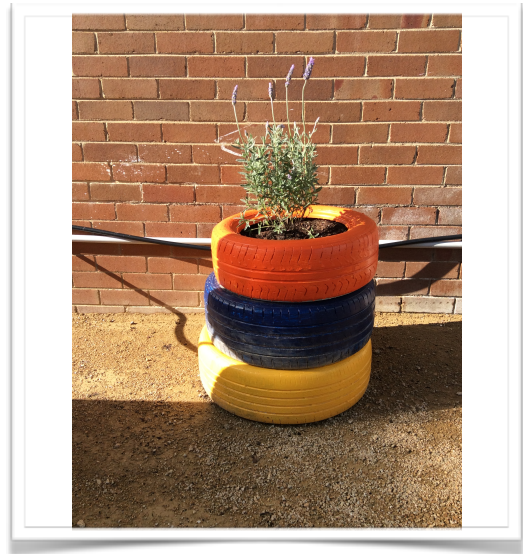
These are the water tanks in our garden

The water tanks are now connected to the rainwater pipe which means now rainwater can go down the pipe and transfers to the water tank. There is a pipe connected to the water tank which is connected to the Vegepods. We are now able to be more sustainable by using rainwater for our garden.



What have we planted?

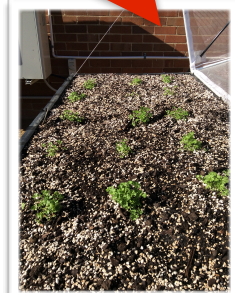
- Broccoli
- Broccolini
- Lettuce
- Spinach
- Parsley
- Lavender



Broccoli

Spinach

Parsley



This is the garden before any maintenance and then after the landscaping was done. We have put in time and effort to make this magnificent garden a reality. We have had whole days painting tyres, setting up the Vegepods and putting in the potting mix, cow manure and perlite. We hope you like and enjoy it as much as we do.

Before



After

