



press release

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ENGADINE WEST BREAKS GROUND ON SCHOOL GARDEN

Members of the Engadine West Public School's student environmental education team, the Bright Green Sparks, came together today to plan the layout of their new healthy food garden project.

Through the SUEZ Community Grants program, Engadine West Public School has received a \$5,000 grant which will help the school to cultivate a fruit and vegetable garden that will then be built and managed by students in years K-6.

The grant will not only fund the development of the new garden beds, but also enable a tool shed to be built close to the new school garden for students to use and store equipment in.

Kim Finnimore, SUEZ NSW Local Government Manager, presented the cheque to the Engadine West Public School at the School's, Healthy Food Garden's ground-breaking ceremony and said SUEZ was delighted to support a local school that both develops environmental awareness and inspires participation in sustainable activities through education.

"It's very encouraging to see schools like Engadine West support and introduce sustainable initiatives and projects to their students at such a young age," said Mr Finnimore.

The Engadine West's Acting Principal, Ross Edwards said that without the support of SUEZ, the school would not be able to provide this opportunity to its students.

"Students will be engaged in all aspects of this project, from planning and building right through to using the school's existing composting and worm farm projects to look after the garden on a daily basis," said Mr Edwards.

"Produce from the garden may even be used by the school's canteen to promote healthy lunches," he added.

SUEZ launched the company's community grants program in 2013 and to date has provided more than \$250,000 in funding across Australia.

For more information on the SUEZ Community Grants program or to register to receive information about the next grant round in 2016 visit www.suezcommunitygrants.com.au/.

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