



press release

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SHOALHAVEN HEADS PRIMARY TAKES FOOD PREP OUTDOORS

Shoalhaven Heads Public School have taken gardening class to a whole new level with the addition of a food preparation area to give students the opportunity to cook what they grow.

Through the SUEZ Community Grants program, Shoalhaven Heads Public School has received a \$1,300 grant to construct and install a food preparation area into their Edible Garden to enable K-6 students to wash, cut and prepare their own produce

The weatherproof bench will include a lockable cupboard to store kitchen utensils and a sink connected to the garden's water tanks, which as part of the grant will also be hooked to a garden irrigation system.

Brendan Jeffcott, SUEZ South Coast Branch Manager, presented the cheque to Shoalhaven Heads Public Schools, Years 5 & 6 class, out in the Edible Garden and said SUEZ was delighted to support a local school that both develops environmental awareness and inspires participation in sustainable activities.

"It's very encouraging to see schools like Shoalhaven Heads support and introduce sustainable initiatives and projects to their students," said Mr Jeffcott.

Shoalhaven Heads' Principal, Ian Henderson said, "SUEZ's wonderful support has furthered the students' outdoor classroom experience,"

"It's amazing to see what children will eat when they grow it themselves. The school's Edible Garden provides students with the opportunity to learn something practical, whilst also teaching them about healthy eating" said Mr Henderson.

"In order to share our home-grown produce, we have also recently installed an honesty box system whereby parents and teachers are encouraged to pick their own vegetables and herbs and leave a small donation," 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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