
GRANGE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE - 'GRANGE GREEN BEANS'



What we do

Promote and enable a sustainable and custodial culture within the Grange Primary School community connecting students, staff and the wider school community.

Support children, parents and staff in their efforts to introduce and maintain sustainability initiatives at Grange Primary School.

Create strong relationships with external stakeholders and agencies to integrate environmental initiatives within broader sustainability

Inspiring students
to make a
difference in their
environment

frameworks including local government, state, national and international initiatives.

Aid in identifying sources of funding for sustainability initiatives at Grange Primary School.

Hold Committee meetings to discuss, research, seek additional advice, analyse and make sustainability recommendations to the Governing Council.

Who we are

The Sustainability Subcommittee is endorsed by the School's Governing Council and School Leaders. It is made up of passionate staff and parents who want to inspire sustainability ideas and projects within the student community.

The 'Grange Green Beans' are the student representatives from all year levels that voluntarily give up several lunch playtimes per term to plan and complete projects that they decide are most beneficial for the school community and their local environment.

How we're making a difference

The sustainability committee with the Grange Green Beans are part of Eco Schools and have completed an Eco Schools audit which identified key areas that GPS is excelling and areas of opportunity for improved sustainability.

We're also involved with the Junior Landcare initiative and the Green Adelaide Sustainable Schools Program which provide education resources and opportunities for grant funding.

What we've done

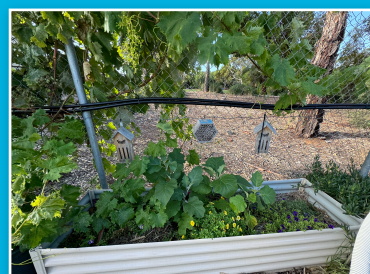
GPS Garden

Thanks to an amazing amount of work led by one of our Teaching Staff, Daniel, we've established an incredible fruit and vegetable garden that is open every every lunch time for children to play and explore with their green thumb.

Some of Our Projects



Green waste caddies have been sourced from local government and are used to feed our school garden



Our school garden now has an active and evolving fairy garden and some new bee habitats.



Greenhill Living visit

Rebecca Mumford from Greenhill Living visited the school in late 2023 to educate the children about healthy eating and growing your own food, which including a planting session for the Grange Green Beans in our very own garden.

[Insert photo of Greenhill Living Visit]

Kitchen Caddies

We've introduced green waste caddies to every classroom which the children are responsible for taking to our garden daily to help feed our plants.

[Insert photo of kids holding the caddies]

New Bin System

The Department of Education has asked schools to introduce a more sustainable bin system that enables more waste items to be recycled. GPS has now completed an education campaign within the school and introduced this new system which fits in with our Eco School audit goals.

[Insert photo of new bins and signage]

What's next

Trees

We're actively applying for grants to repopulate our open spaces with native trees to provide an inviting natural environment for our students and our local bird population.

Yarning Circle

We want to create a yarning circle space in our outdoor nature area. A yarning circle is an important aspect of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and have been used by indigenous peoples from around the world to build relationships, converse, share, learn and communicate cultural knowledge. We believe this will be a valuable addition to our school grounds.

