



Australian Government

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden National Program School Selection Criteria

Schools making an application will need to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the philosophy underpinning the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and how it will benefit their students and school community.
2. Allocate the required space to establish a productive vegetable garden and a room or building that can be converted to a home-style kitchen classroom.
3. Demonstrate the capacity to fund the associated staffing costs for two years, and in the longer term, work towards integrating the project into the school curriculum.
4. Demonstrate a commitment by the Principal, staff, school council, school community and community partners to build/establish the required infrastructure to support a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. This will be evidenced by infrastructure plans, infrastructure building budget, projected timelines for building infrastructure and written sponsor commitment or having some level of infrastructure already in place.
5. Demonstrate a commitment by the Principal, staff, school council, school community and community partners to introduce a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program into the school curriculum. This will be evidenced by a proposed Program management budget, proposed class timetable, written commitment from ongoing community partners, volunteers' recruitment plan and a statement on how the Program will be incorporated into the Annual Implementation Plan.
6. Demonstrate prior successful implementation, or the capacity to implement cross-curriculum programs.
7. Demonstrate prior successful community engagement, or the capacity to develop these skills, in order to support school initiatives.
8. Indicate a preparedness to take part in a formal evaluation of the National Kitchen Garden Pilot Project in Australian primary schools.
9. Indicate a preparedness to collaborate with Kitchen Garden Program staff from other schools and representatives from the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation and the Australian Government to contribute to the evolving Kitchen Garden Program curriculum.
10. Commit to enabling garden and kitchen specialist staff and other appropriate school staff members to attend training workshops as required.