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LAVINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL RECEIVES FUNDING FOR GRASSROOTS ECO PROJECT

Lavington Public School received a \$3,500 NSW Government Eco Schools grant for a young sprouts food garden and bush medicine garden, Member for Albury, Greg Aplin announced today.

Young Sprouts Food and Bush Tucker/Medicine Garden is a multi-layered approach to learning for sustainability. The project will ultimately create a Food and Bush Tucker/Medicine Garden which will include an outdoor classroom area.

The garden will enhance student's appreciation for nature, and facilitate learning for sustainability. The project will build a space for integrated learning experiences about sustainability, and provide an alternate learning environment for targeted students, where the classroom is outside to improve their engagement and attitude towards learning.

This will occur in the 'design' and 'construction' phase of the project in which they will play major roles, and become hands on in all aspects of its development. The 'Use' phase of the project allows all teachers and students within the school to undertake learning experiences in the outdoor classroom that will support learning for sustainability and help build a culture of sustainability within the school and the community.

“Funding grassroots projects is about teaching kids how to live more sustainably,” Mr Aplin said.

The Eco Schools Grant Program aims to help give kids a hands-on environmental education in their schools.

Across NSW almost \$260,000 in grants were awarded this year for projects due to commence in the first term of 2018, with 74 schools each receiving \$3,500 to fund hands-on environmental education.

For more information about the grants and how to apply visit:
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/schools.htm>

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