

City Compost Helps Grow Our Garden Vision

Maida Vale Primary School's Eco Warriors are turning a generous FoGo compost donation into hands-on learning, sustainability and fresh possibilities.



The City of Kalamunda visit coincided with a donation of FoGo compost to help revitalise the Maida Vale Primary School garden.

Maida Vale Primary School recently welcomed the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the City of Kalamunda to our school garden at a fitting moment in its revitalisation. Their visit coincided with a generous donation of 20 bags of FoGo compost from the City, giving our garden beds a valuable boost as students prepare for the next stage of planting and learning.

The compost had been stored at the Walliston Transfer Station, where the packaging on the bags had become damaged. Rather than letting the compost go to waste, the City redirected it to our school, where it will enrich the soil and support the growth of potatoes and a range of other vegetables in the months ahead.

The visit was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the enthusiasm and hard work of our Eco Warriors. Students have already been busy weeding, tidying garden beds and preparing the space so it can become a productive, inviting and meaningful learning environment.

20 bags of FoGo compost	FoGo waste given a second life	Eco Warriors weeding and preparing beds	Next potatoes, vegetables and worm tea
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Eco Warriors get stuck into preparing the garden beds.



Students help tidy, weed and renew the growing space.

A learning space with real-world purpose

“The timing of the revitalisation of the school garden is perfect because the theme for National Science Week in 2026 is Seeds of Science: nurturing science for all. Just as seeds need the right conditions to grow, knowledge flourishes when it is nurtured, shared and applied to real-world and authentic challenges across the scientific disciplines.”

— Science Specialist Shanleigh Little

“Our school garden is a teaching and learning space that encourages students to explore the relationship between the growth and survival of living things, changing conditions in their environment and the influence of human activities.”

— Principal Nicole Borbas

Student voice: *“It’s really fun working in the garden, especially getting our hands all dirty and gross.”* — **Year 5 student Mackenzie Fagence**

The renewed focus on the school garden is one part of a broader student-led sustainability push at Maida Vale Primary School. Alongside growing vegetables, our Year 5 Eco Warrior team is preparing to harvest worm tea from the school worm farm, support a whole-school recycling program and lead further environmental initiatives that encourage students to care for their school and community.

We sincerely thank the City of Kalamunda, and particularly the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, for supporting our students and our school garden. The Eco Warriors are already looking ahead to the rewards of their hard work and hope our special guests might return later in the year to sample some of the garden's fresh produce — assuming, of course, the students do not eat it all first!

Thank you to the City of Kalamunda for supporting student-led sustainability at Maida Vale Primary School.