



Title of project: Sunshine Beach State School Bush Tucker Garden and Outdoor Classroom Regeneration Project

Name of lead project proponent/organisation: Sunshine Beach State School P & C

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PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- ◆ To extend the permaculture garden by establishing a native bush tucker garden.
- ◆ Provide better management of the segment of national park within school grounds.
- ◆ Revitalise the outdoor learning space via 2 outside classrooms.
- ◆ Ensuring more students engage with their exceptional natural environment.
- ◆ Protect the natural biosphere and promote mindful environmental individuals.

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

- ◆ **The establishment of a bush tucker garden.** What an endearing space, mostly created by the prep children and unanimously naming it “Bob’s Garden”. An area that has been selected and planted out with 100 edible Noosa natives sourced from the Noosa Land Care Nursery. Through this garden the children will now be educated about the local bush tucker plants/food, recognising and understanding the beneficial qualities of these plants. Raw food cooking will also take place, using the edible food.



- ◆ **Protection and preservation of the natural local icon species within the school grounds.** The National park segment of bushland within the school - we have continued to nurture this area, very dear to a range of plant species integral to the native animals of the Noosa biosphere. Plants that

the children have identified and targeted for protection, including the Richmond Birdwing Butterfly Vine and the Black Sheoak, an important food source for the Glossy Black Cockatoo. The funding from this grant has enabled the control of weeds and the further planting of 200 tubes of complementary flora in order to better manage, protect and promote biodiversity within this segment of the Noosa National Park within the school. This aim of this project has helped us in providing a management system for this area of the biosphere, which is not currently protected. This part of the project provides an education for the children in understanding biodiversity and identifying iconic species and species integral to iconic animals. This project also provides students with an awareness and respect for the biosphere at large and thus promote greater management of current and future resources.



- ◆ **The development of outdoor classrooms.** What a magic space for kids... igniting their learning. A space for engagement, learning and so much more. Enthusiastic and motivated student, learning in the Noosa Biosphere...a place we are all proud of, a space setting new standards in

outside education. The construction has been completed in collaboration with the Noosa Mens Shed, 2 gentlemen, Tony and Ian, have eagerly helped with their expertise.



We feel happy, confident and very proud to say that our great team ofAnika, Stephan, Bec, Bob and Myself (Di Seels), in alignment with the NBRF and the sharing of our mutual values, have achieved really positive, progressive outcomes from this project.

We and the children from Sunshine Beach State Primary School say thank you! We are extremely grateful of the funding that was granted to usin no shape or form would this project have been achievable without your funding. From our \$2,500 NB budget, a bush tucker garden was established, the remnant National Park / Biosphere was restored, cradling the newly constructed outside classrooms. Altogether, including the permaculture garden, this has created an amazing, unique, outside learning, educational hub.



So.....On Friday 23rd November 2018 3-7pm, we would like to celebrate our achievements in collaboration with the Noosa Biosphere. The celebration would take place on site at the Sunshine Beach State Primary School. An extensive invite list will be extended to other educational groups, school community, affiliated

community groups, Noosa and Coolumb native nurseries etc: We would invite local media for support and use our school social media to promote and acknowledge the achievements.

We plan on having food, music, an indigenous smoking ceremony and plenty of good vibes to help us celebrate!

Sincerely..the Sunshine Beach State Primary School Outdoor Education team.