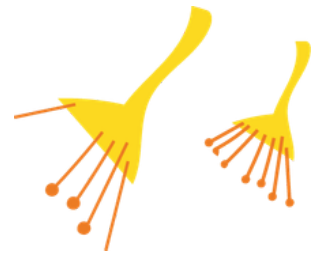




Buzz and Bloom Garden



Join our team and Clancy “The Bee Man” for a hands-on session exploring how to create safe, thriving habitats for local minibeasts. Students will build their own bee hotel to support native pollinators and plant a pollinator-friendly garden at their school using native wildflowers. This session is for schools that want a practical, engaging way to teach students about our amazing native pollinators while helping their local environment.

Age level

Prep – Grade 6.

Number of students per session

Up to 30 students per session.

Location

Incursion.

What's involved

Survey by an expert botanist

This is a quick visit to your school prior to planting to gain an understanding of which native plants are already present and develop a species list of suitable plants for your pollinator garden. It also allows us to identify weeds that may need to be managed before planting.

Duration: 1 hour (ecologist only).

Location: garden site and surrounds.

Timing: 4-6 months before planting day.



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What's involved



Building a bee hotel

Students join Clancy “The Bee Man” and our team for a hands-on workshop all about supporting native pollinators. Clancy will introduce the fascinating world of minibeasts and explain how insects keep ecosystems healthy and how to boost biodiversity at home. Students will get hands-on to build their own bee hotel to create safe nesting spaces for native bees with support from Clancy and our team. All materials and safety equipment provided.

Duration: 2 hours. **Location:** schoolgrounds. **Timing:** 1 month before planting day.

Planting day

This is a fun, hands-on outdoor session where our team helps students to plant a beautiful, minibeast friendly pollinator garden at your school. We will include lots of native wildflowers and flowering shrubs (depending on space) to create new habitat for native pollinators. Includes all seedlings, mulch and digging and safety equipment for students.

Duration: 1.5 hours. **Location:** schoolgrounds. **Timing:** April-August.

“Citizen science” monitoring

Students visit their pollinator garden with our team to see how their plants are growing and to see which pollinators are using the plants. We’ll show teachers how to monitor their garden and give them simple resources so students can continue to track their garden over time.

Duration: 50 minutes. **Location:** pollinator garden. **Timing:** three months after planting day and then every twelve months. Can be combined with maintenance session.

Maintenance

We will teach students how to identify common weeds and safely remove them from their pollinator garden.

Duration: 30 minutes. **Location:** pollinator garden.

Timing: three months after planting day.

Can be combined with monitoring session.

Optional sessions

Want to learn more about native plants and wildlife? Why not join one of our Revegetation Programs or a Seeds on Country, Yedabila Habitat Pod or Wildlife Rope Bridge sessions?

