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Natural Playscapes at Seacliff Primary School

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Rainwater collection
Butterfly Gardens
Wetlands for frogs
Indigenous Grasses
Kaurna Culture Garden
Recycling Centre
New Nature Playground: Water & sand play, performance spaces, giant snake sculpture, climbing poles
Stormy’s Creek Stormwater

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Tjilbuke Reconciliation Nature Education Trail
Birds bats and possums nesting boxes
Developing Natural Playscapes at Seacliff PS

Why?
Good things come from interaction with nature: imaginative and cooperative play, hands-on student participation and respect and understanding of our natural environment, scientific discoveries, community collaboration and nature playgrounds are relatively cost effective with low maintenance.

How?
Over the last 5 years the Natural Playscapes project has gained enormous momentum. The parent community now prioritise Nature Playscapes as our highest priority. This has been made possible through demonstrating the benefits of nature play:

- student interest / staff leadership; community support;
- GRANTS $; Holdfast Bay Council support with expertise and $funds; $chool funds; specialist support through Natural Resources Management organization; hands-on helping and organizing; a school coordinator with vision and leadership.

What’s happening as a result of more Nature Play?
A lot more varied interactive & imaginative play (dragon nests, fishing for tadpoles, forts, parkour rock challenges); nature photography; planting, weeding, raking, digging, watering; exploring, searching, discovering the increased biodiversity...

We now have a Frog Pond, Butterfly Garden, Koala Sanctuary, Biodiversity Trail, Student Environment Leaders, Kids-Teaching-Kids action group, International Environment Conference presentations, Culture Garden, SLS Boat, Wooden Boat, Rock Playscapes, Stormy’s overflow Creek, Bird boxes... and every year we add a little more.