

# SCHOOL STORIES



## Cleveland State School

### Could you introduce us to your school?

We are Cleveland State School located in the Redland Bay area of Queensland. Our school has been an integral part of the local community for over 150 years.

### Describe your school garden.

The Victoria Point Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank teamed up with the Australian Organic Schools program to help us buy equipment like sheds, greenhouses, seeds and class resources for our school garden. As a result, our vegetables are growing wonderfully.



### How does the garden fit into school life?

We have been learning about the joys of growing our own food, and the importance of making healthy eating choices.

Thanks to the program, our students' knowledge and skills in the areas of organic gardening, nutrition, biology, recycling and sustainability are also growing.

### Describe a problem that you have had to face or tackle.

Some kids don't have access to a vegetable garden at home, but this project provides them with the opportunity to experience this at school. It is a fantastic way for businesses to get involved in the local community too.

### Do you have an interesting fact or story to share?

This program is something a bit different, helping teach our kids to grow healthy food and eat well. I think the benefits are huge, the garden provides students with a very rounded education, contributing to learning life and vocational skills, and encouraging a healthy, organic attitude, which we see them carry back to their homes and families.



### How has the Australian Organic Schools program benefited your school?

Our school is getting a lot of pleasure from the Australian Organic Schools initiative. It is a delight to watch our students, teachers and parents learning and working together in our garden. Thank you to the Australian Organic Schools program and Bendigo Bank for providing this fantastic opportunity.