

The Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show in partnership with Victorian Schools Garden Program, are delighted to welcome school aged children and their teachers to enjoy a free suite of gardening activities to encourage the use of outdoor spaces at schools, and educate and inspire the next generation of green thumbs.

Victorian School Garden Program activities:

	Sustainable Scarecrow School Competition Site: 21 Southern Drive
Come and admire the creativity of Victorian schools and kindergartens in this year's Sustainable Scarecrow School Competition! With a thrilling 'superhero' theme, discover how our imaginative garden guardians defend crops from birds and pests in the most inventive ways.	

	Grow Together Garden Presented by the Site: A46
This year the Grow Together Garden, presented by the Victorian Schools Garden Program, will take you on an educational journey through the world of plants. Learn about what it takes to grow a plant, from seed to forest or plate! Experience the beautiful edible garden display featuring plants from the African community who will be on hand to support and to highlight their culture. Join in on some free hands-on activities delivered by various exhibitors including Agriculture Victoria and more!	

Grow Together Garden site includes:

	Victorian Schools Garden Program Site Number: A46 Grow Together Garden
The VSGP invites children to get their hands dirty potting an edible plant that they can take home, watch grow, cook, and eat. Children will also be able to decorate a wooden plant label to accompany their seedling, adding a personal touch to their gardening experience	



	Van Schaik's BioGro
It Starts with the Soil - Plants need healthy soil to grow strong. Good soil holds water, provides nutrients, and gives roots space to spread out. Without it, plants struggle to grow big and healthy! Come and see how. Take part in our FOGO Scavenger Hunt and you could win a DJI Drone or 2 Biofilter Foodcube Slims with Bio Gro Premium Wicking Mix!	
	Foodcube by Biofilta Site Number: A46 Grow Together Garden
How Do Roots Grow? Discover the Magic of Wicking with Foodcube. Plants need water to grow, but have you ever wondered how they drink? Foodcube have a hidden secret—a special wicking system that keeps plants watered from below! Come and learn how.	
	
	United African Farm Site Number: A46 Grow Together Garden Experience the beautiful edible garden display featuring plants from the African community who will be on hand to support and to highlight their culture.
The activities include: • What's in the box? Children will have the opportunity to feel and guess what the fruit or vegetable is. • African drumming and pounding Children can participate in playing the African drums and pounding sorgum in the mortar.	
	



Urban Plant Health Network

Site Number: A46 Grow Together Garden

Agriculture Victoria and the Urban Plant Health Network are encouraging all children to be on the lookout for good bugs and bad bugs in their gardens.

Children will **see live and preserved insect displays** at the stand and **take home showbags** with fact sheets and macro lenses.



Arboriculture Australia

Site Number: A46 Grow Together Garden

Be a junior tree carer! Collect your activity card then search our display to find stations where you can earn tree care skills. Punch your card to earn your skills and search our trees to complete tree care tasks.

If you earn your climbing skill, you can even try our log balance. You'll be walking the logs just like real tree carers walk branches when they're working.



Other Exhibitors at the Show children's activities:

	Japanese Tools Australia Site Number: A16
JTA will once again be running our popular Chopstick Making stand. For \$10, you can make your own pair of chopsticks, from a choice of Australian timbers. This kid friendly activity (with adult supervision) is a fun and safe introduction into the world of woodworking and using Japanese tools.	
	Wollemi Pine Site Number: A32
Discover the ancient Wollemi Pine at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show! Experience our Wollemi Walk and meet Wollie the Dino for prehistoric fun!	
	
	Garden Express Site Number: A32
Join Garden Express at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show! Experience the Carnival Theme with a Ferris Wheel of flowers, popcorn, showbags, and family fun!	
	Balcony Gardens by DEEPPDALE Site Number: B17
Sensory garden, with many sensory items for children to enjoy and see, as well as many children friendly items on display. We focus on creating sensory gardens for children and adults: https://bgbdeepdale.com.au/services/sensory-gardens/	

	Overwrought Garden Art Site Number: B39
Come to our site to collect a colouring sheet created from our designs and a pack of coloured pencils. Take them home or use our colouring corner.	

	Montague Farms Site Number: B55
Hey kids! Get ready for some apple-solutely awesome fun at the Show on Friday! Join the @montaguefarms & @foodbankvictoria teams for tasty apple snack hacks and cool food & science experiments!  11:30am - 12pm: From Seed to Snack - Discover deliciously creative apple snack ideas!  1pm - 1:30pm: In the Apple Lab - Explore the fascinating science behind apples!	
	Beyond Blue Site: B58
Beyond Blue's kid friendly area and has a range of activities including morning connection sessions with Wayapa Wuurrk and create a sedbomb with CERES. This year, we've partnered with Therapeutic Horticulture Australia to deliver a range of FREE sessions including learn to propagate, create a nature mandala, learn about worms and composting and much more.	
	ABC Gardening Australia Junior Site: B63

	ABC Gardening Australia Junior Site: B63
Make a free mini succulent garden, pot up a egg-carton seedling or build your own insect hotel with the team at GA Junior!	

	Natio Site Number: C23
Visit Natio's stand on Sunday for free sunscreen samples and A5 take-home colouring sheets for kids.	

	Vertigrow Site Number: C56
They'll build a small plant demo using our modular trellis in an interactive display. Plus, a free LEGO accessory pack with any Starter Kit purchase!	

	Songbird Site Number: C65
Enter our daily Songbird® Twitch Competition where we will ask visitors to ID particular Songbirds on our Twitch List, plus FREE Songbird® colouring sheets to enjoy.	

	Environment Protection Authority Victoria Site Number: D05
EPA's GardenSafe is a free soil screening program that turns you into a backyard scientist. Swing by to see the science behind the screening.	

	Gardening 4 Kids Site Number: D16 Southern Drive
Gardening 4 Kids stocks a huge range of children's garden products. On Sunday we have a limited number of butterfly nets to give away with any purchase.	



Robot My Life
Site Number: D18

Robot My Life is here to make life easy! Learn how you can save time using robotic window cleaners, lawn mowers, floor cleaners and pool cleaners!



WoolGrow Australia
Site Number: D18

Swap plastic for wool! Bring a clean plastic pot to our stall and exchange it for a biodegradable Planket Pot—showing how we can reduce plastic waste together.

