

Top plant ideas for a school garden in spring



Yates® and Life Ed 'Growing Good Gardens Grants' are on again for 2022!

One of the wonderful things about gardening is the change of seasons and the exciting new growing opportunities it brings throughout the year.

Here are some ideas for what you can be sowing and growing in your school garden (or green classroom) during spring.



In the vegie patch

It's great to be able to grow healthy snack-perfect vegies in a school garden, which helps kids learn not only about gardening but also healthy eating habits. Warmth loving vegies that are easy to grow in school gardens in spring include delicious bite size cherry tomatoes like Yates Tiny Tim Tomato, crisp and tasty beans like Yates Dwarf Beans Gourmet's Delight and sweet Yates Lebanese Cucumber. These seeds can all be sown direct into the vegie patch.



Mini school orchard

Kids love sweet and juicy mandarins during late autumn and winter, which are Mother Nature's pre-packaged treats! Spring is a great time to plant a mini mandarin orchard and by planting a few different varieties you can pick mandarins over several months. Mandarins need well-drained soil and a sunny spot that receives at least 6 hours of sunshine a day.



Green classroom

Warm spring weather is the perfect time to pot up some new indoor plants to fill classrooms with mood-boosting greenery. Some of the hardiest indoor plants include peace lily (*Spathyphyllum wallisii*), heartleaf philodendron (*Philodendron scandens*), Devil's ivy (*Epipremnum aureum*), spider plant (*Chlorophytum comosum*) and jade plant (*Crassula ovata*). For tips on creating a green classroom visit [Create A Green Classroom \(yates.com.au\)](https://www.yates.com.au/create-a-green-classroom)



Bush tucker garden

Australian native plants like lilly pillies, finger limes, macadamias and midyim berries can form part of a bush tucker garden. In addition to providing nutritious fruit and nuts, these plants can also be the starting point for children learning more about Aboriginal history and culture.



For more easy spring gardening ideas, click on the link below to read the Yates 'Growing with you' spring magazine [Growing With You Spring 2021 Magazine](#)