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DUNOON PUBLIC SCHOOL ENJOY FRUITS OF THEIR LABOUR

Environment Minister Rob Stokes and Member for Lismore Thomas George today visited students at Dunoon Public School, who will be getting their hands dirty with a new school food garden.

Mr George said the garden was funded by the NSW Government through the Environmental Trust's Food Gardens in Schools Program, and would help teach students about sustainably growing fresh fruit and vegetables.

"This project will enable students to construct six large food garden beds, and students will be engaged in the garden's design, planning and development," Mr George said.

"They will be supported by local horticultural experts, and the project will recycle organic waste through composting and worm farming.

"The Food Gardens in Schools Program will support food gardens here at Dunoon Public School, and also at Kadina High School, Murwillumbah Public School, Summerland Christian College and Woodenbong Central School.

"I welcome the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government supporting our local community through this initiative."

Mr Stokes said the Food Gardens in Schools Program aimed to teach students about sustainability and healthy living.

"This program empowers schools to provide learning opportunities for students, teachers and members of the school community through growing and harvesting food in school gardens," Mr Stokes said.

"Projects like these inspire students and the wider community to consider their environment, and supports them in protecting it."

The NSW Environmental Trust is an independent statutory body established by the NSW Government to fund a broad range of organisations to undertake projects that enhance the environment of NSW.