



Outdoor Learning Environments

Stimulating student learning and wellbeing



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Flexible, nature-rich spaces that support learning, wellbeing and school culture

Schools today are under increasing pressure to create environments that support student wellbeing, engagement and behaviour while working within limited space, aging infrastructure and tight budgets.

We partner with schools to transform hot, hard and under-utilised outdoor areas into flexible, nature-rich environments that support both learning, well-being and engagement - with minimal disruption or cost of major construction.



Why Outdoor Spaces Matter



The Challenge Facing Schools

Across both primary and secondary campuses, outdoor areas are often:

- Dominated by hard surfaces or ageing turf
- Too hot, exposed or under-utilised
- Designed for movement or play, not learning or engagement
- Difficult to adapt as enrolments and teaching needs evolve

With green outdoor spaces, schools are responding to increasing expectations around student wellbeing, behaviour, inclusion and engagement.



Why Nature-Based Outdoor Environments Work

Access to well-designed outdoor spaces make a significant difference:

- Improved focus, engagement and emotional regulation
- Opportunities for movement, collaboration and active learning
- Stronger social connection and positive behaviour
- A deeper connection to environment and sustainability

Outdoor environments help students to move between active and calm states – supporting learning readiness throughout the school day.



Why Traditional Approaches Fall Short

Conventional outdoor builds are often fixed, slow to deliver and costly. They can:

- Lock schools into inflexible layouts
- Require long construction timeframes
- Create high capital and maintenance costs
- Struggle to adapt to changing curriculum and student needs

Schools need flexible outdoor spaces that can evolve; not static infrastructure.

Our Approach

Designed for Stimulating & Sustainable school Environments

We work closely with school leadership educators and property service teams to ensure spaces stimulate for positive learning and wellbeing, not just aesthetic.

Our modular spaces can shift from learning to gathering, wellbeing or community use.

Every space is designed to be:

- Safe, inclusive and accessible
- Flexible across year levels and subjects
- Suitable for both structured learning and break times
- Calm, shaded and climate-responsive



“WaterUps wicking beds have transformed our garden, students love seeing their plants to thrive” Sarah Jones, Principal Wilkins Public School

Modular, Low-Disruption Delivery

Spaces can be reconfigured, expanded or relocated as needs change.

Our system is purpose-built for schools:

- Installed in days, not weeks
- No major civil works required
- Minimal disruption to operations and timetables
- Suitable for staged roll out across campus



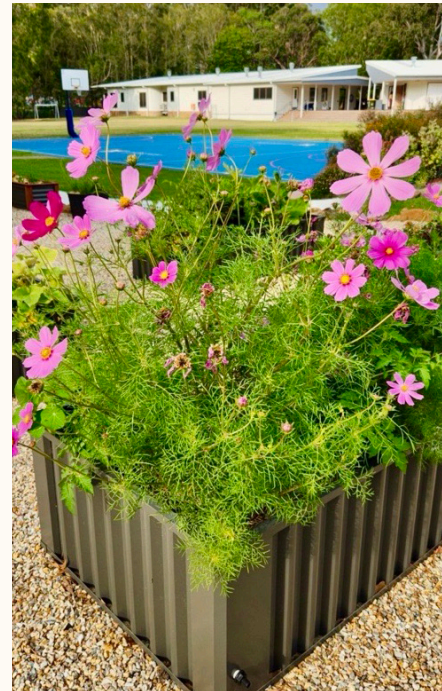
Who Benefits?

For Students and Educators

- Improved engagement, behaviour and wellbeing
- More flexible and dynamic teaching approaches
- Stronger social connection and school culture
- Outdoor spaces that function as true extensions of the classroom

For Schools

- Better use of existing space without major construction
- Low maintenance, long-life systems
- Transportable and adaptable components
- Buy, rent or staged roll out options
- Predictable costs with minimal downtime
- Sustainable approach to outdoor spaces.



End-to-End Partnership

We provide a complete service:

- Site understanding and concept design
- Manufacture and installation
- Ongoing support and refresh options

Schools work with one experienced team from start to finish.

Maintenance

All materials used are durable, low maintenance and designed for daily school use. We use inert, sustainable products with attention to end of life and recyclable qualities.

All planters include water reservoirs and wicking systems that greatly reduce water refill time and ensure optimum plant health. Soil and water sensors can also be added to provide real time data and automate irrigation.



About Us

Future Village and WaterUps are world leading Australian companies that design, manufacture, install and maintain free-standing green infrastructure, made here in Australia.

WaterUps has supported schools for years, with its wicking systems now used in hundreds of sites across Australia. Future Village brings strong experience in modular placemaking projects, helping schools create safer, greener, and more engaging outdoor environments. Together, we deliver practical, education-focused solutions that make outdoor spaces more sustainable, functional, and student-friendly.

Our team's include qualified educators, architects, landscape architects, horticulturalists, engineers, builder and project managers. We can provide visualisations of spaces to help communicate how your school wants to transform an area as well as all technical drawings.



Contact Us

Feel free to start with a conversation about your school's outdoor spaces with our educational specialists at greenedu@waterups.com.au



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