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Good to Grow is a whole day program that helps students develop an appreciation for the importance of healthy waterways and forests in supporting living things.

The program begins with students discussing their knowledge about the growth, change and offspring of living things. Students then investigate Toohey Forest and search for and collect insects. They also identify a range of common aquatic animals using pipettes, petri dishes and an iPad application.

Using a large digital microscope outputting to a 60-inch screen, students view and discuss the life cycle stages of the animals they have collected, enabling them to view a variety of eggs, larvae and adults.

Lifecycles are explored further through a ‘big’ book reading, The Masked Hunter, as well as sketching the life cycle stages of a dragonfly assisted by 3D models.

The program concludes with students getting up close and personal with live animals such as turtles, lizards and a snake.

Good to Grow has been assessed as medium risk. A Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment is available on request.

Curriculum Intent

Science
- Living things grow, change and have offspring similar to themselves (ACSSU030)
- Use informal measurements in the collection and recording of observations, with the assistance of digital technologies as appropriate (ACSIS039)
- People use science in their daily lives, including when caring for their environment and living things (ACSHE035)

Sustainability
- All life forms, including human life, are connected through ecosystems on which they depend for their wellbeing and survival (OI.2)
- Actions for a sustainable future reflect values of care, respect and responsibility, and require us to explore and understand environments (OI.7)