



## Maria & Theo - Team builds frog pond and kitchen garden

*This case study was transcribed from an interview. These are Maria and Theo's words and opinions.*

### What was your goal and what did you achieve?

One of our successes was our kitchen garden and frog pond. We worked with all the student leaders at our school and some teachers and Principals and all the student leaders helped and did something. There's 26 of us. We finished building and planting around our frog pond, and our kitchen garden was a big success with all our vegetables being grown.

### How did you promote and share your work?

Before Coronavirus came we were just starting so we were talking about it a lot at our assemblies and then we put up posters around the school. We went around to classes individually and everybody saw it because it was really obvious and we'd have trucks coming in so they would see everything going on. Families helped, and Marc from Campbelltown Council came in and helped with everything.

Last year we had a student competition to design the kitchen garden, and we involved Woolworths as well and we got our water tank from Woolworths because they gave us a grant for that.

### How do you become a student leader?

We put in an application at the beginning of term one and then we give it to our Deputy Principal and all the teachers get together and vote for who they think would suit the role of leadership and show good role modelling. We're responsible for a range of projects.

### What challenges did you face?

When COVID19 came we were working with our leaders and quite a few of our leaders weren't in school so we had our project pushed back. But when everybody came back to school, we started our project again and we've got in there and now we're all finished.

## What will happen now?

We've finished our frog pond project and our kitchen garden project but we've only just started our Olive Court Reserve project, which is making a good habitat for the frogs in a creek near our school. We haven't finished that yet. Olive Court Reserve is 1 minute walk, we just cross the road and we're there. Student leaders and other classes are involved as well.

## Advice for other students?

Research before you start so you get to know things - don't jump into it, learn about it before you start doing things.

## What has been your favourite part?

It's been really fun to see it all come together and getting all our classes involved and the little kids getting in there. The team work.