



Expression of Interest

Help Children Thrive Through Nature-Based Learning

Nature Play SA is inviting Department for Education schools and early learning settings to partner in the Thriving Learners Program.

Fully funded by the Department for Education, this program supports educators to use nature as a powerful context for learning to strengthen children's wellbeing, engagement and achievement.

Working alongside Nature Play SA, participating sites will design meaningful learning experiences that nurture dispositions such as curiosity, collaboration, creativity, resilience and confidence, while supporting the Department's Areas of Impact.

There is no cost to participating schools or early learning settings.

Your partnership includes:

- Professional learning aligned with the Department's Areas of Impact and informed by contemporary research.
- Collaborative support to design and deliver a place-based, nature-based learning project over 6 - 8 weeks that reflects your site's priorities.
- Ongoing support to embed nature-based learning into curriculum, pedagogy and everyday practice.
- Access to practical, evidence-informed resources, tools and guidance developed by Nature Play SA.

We ask participating schools and settings to:

- Partner with Nature Play SA to co-design and implement the project.
- Participate in evaluation activities to demonstrate the impact of the program, including opportunities to explore the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection (WEC).
- Embed nature-based learning as an ongoing approach that supports children thrive as curious, capable and connected learners.

We'd love to hear from you!

Submit your Expression of Interest by Friday 28 August 2026.

[Thriving Learners Enquiry Form](#) or email info@natureplaysa.org.au

For more information and previous Thriving Learners case studies please visit natureplaysa.org.au
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