



NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS

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School: _____

Date: _____

Guide Reference: Step 5: Develop the input for your strategy

Objective: Use the sustainability framework to develop the sustainability strategy.

This theme explores including nature-based solutions across a school to improve resilience and reduce reliance on man-made, engineered assets providing services on a school's campus. Bringing nature into schools can make spaces healthier, provide learning opportunities, relieve stress and cool the environment.

The toolkit should be used in conjunction with the Sustainability Guide available on the [QIS BGA website](#). Refer to the Sustainability Guide for further instruction and commentary on how to use this tool to establish your school's sustainability strategy.

AUDIT CHECKLIST

- ☐ Consider opportunities to increase indoor plants.
- ☐ Consider opportunities to increase outdoor planting.
- ☐ Consider opportunities for increasing native planting.
- ☐ Consider opportunities to connect nature across your school's site.
- ☐ Consider opportunities for natural water retention, including swales and rain gardens.
- ☐ Consider opportunities for insects and wildlife, including bee hives, bird nests, possum boxes or similar.
- ☐ Consider Indigenous knowledge for the local area and whether it can be applied to your school, e.g., songlines, or native planting.