



# Lucas Gardens School

*Celebrating Ability Through High Expectations*

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## Sensory Garden

The Sensory Gardens at Lucas Gardens School provides an intimate space where our students can immerse in the scents, textures and colours of plants and related elements. Along with the selected plants, our garden also has additional elements such as wind chimes, flags and children's art. Our Sensory Garden at a glance encourages:

### Sound

- Birds
- Wind chimes
- Wind whistling
- Rustling leaves

### Taste

- Fresh herbs to use in our cooking program
- Small fruit trees
- Edible flowers

### Touch

- Plants with different textures
- Pebbles
- Rocks
- Bark of trees

### Sight

- Provide sunny and shady areas to offer temperature contrast
- Benches
- Tables cut out for easy access for wheel chairs
- Butterflies and insects

### Smell

- Fresh herbs
- Plant flowers with subtle and strong smells

## Our Sensory Garden as a Learning Centre

The Sensory Garden allows teachers to motivate students in understanding the concepts of science, maths, reading, writing and eco awareness. The teacher librarian often has her library lessons in our garden. Students listen to stories, complete activities and listen to music. The garden is also utilised for fun days, assemblies, individual teaching sessions and class lessons.

As a result our garden is an extension of the classrooms where students are able to participate in a wide range of sensory experiences from education to relaxation.

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