

# Queensland Vegetable Planting Guide for schools



This information guide provides an insight into suitable vegetables to plant at specified times in each Queensland climate zone so Pick of the Crop school gardens can thrive and be sustainable.

Elevation above sea level, latitude, soil type and microclimate impact what will grow well – and when – in your school garden. Even from coastal areas to nearby hinterlands within the same climate zone, there are differences in what to grow or when to grow it! You should also note this is a guide only and there may be other vegetables that are suited to your climate. Ask local experts for advice and consult planting guides at:

[www.annettemcfarlane.com.au](http://www.annettemcfarlane.com.au) or [www.organicgardener.com.au](http://www.organicgardener.com.au).

## Term 1

When	Veggie	Notes
January-February	Basil, carrot, cucumber, eggplant, lettuce#, Malabar climbing spinach, radish#, snake beans#, tomatoes, zucchini, dragonfruit cuttings*. Sprouts and microgreens^	# Quick harvest (6-8 weeks) *Dragonfruit will produce fruit a lot sooner than most fruit trees ^ Very quick harvest (1-3 weeks)
March	Lettuce#, parsley, snake beans#, silver beet/chard, radish#, carrot, cauliflower, leek, spring onions. Sprouts and microgreens^	# Quick harvest (6-8 weeks) ^ Very quick harvest (1-3 weeks)

## Term 2

When	Veggie	Notes
May - June	Brassicas`` (broccoli, cabbage, kale, cauliflower, brussels sprouts, bok choy#, wombok etc), garlic*, radish#, celery, lettuce#, snow peas#. Sprouts and microgreens^	``The cabbage moths and butterflies have slowed down now, so caterpillars are less likely to attack! *Choose a variety locals grow. Plant cloves 15cm apart. Harvest 6-8 months depending on variety. # Quick harvest (6-8 weeks) ^ Very quick harvest (1-3 weeks)

## Term 3

When	Veggie	Notes
July	Asian greens#, asparagus, broccoli, cabbage, tomatoes. Sprouts and microgreens^	# Quick harvest (6-8 weeks) ^ Very quick harvest (1-3 weeks)
August - September	Cape gooseberries, cherry tomatoes, beetroot, potatoes, watermelon, silverbeet, sweet corn, dill, tarragon, mint, lemon balm, rosemary. Sprouts and microgreens^	^ Very quick harvest (1-3 weeks)

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## Term 4

When	Veggie	Notes
October	Basil, beans, capsicum, cucumber#, eggplant, okra, pumpkin, spring onions, sweet corn, sweet potato. Sprouts and microgreens^	^ Very quick harvest (1-3 weeks) # Quick harvest (7-8 weeks)
November	Basil, beans#, capsicum, cucumber, eggplant, ginger, lettuce#, pumpkin, rosella, spring onion, corn, sweet potato, tomatoes. Sprouts and microgreens^	^ Very quick harvest (1-3 weeks) # Snake beans in tropical areas, French beans elsewhere.
December	Basil, land cress, lettuce#, Malabar climbing spinach, sweet potato.	If you are keen to grow over the holidays, have an autotimer on your irrigation system or wicking garden beds (self-watering). Otherwise consider weeding, mulching and resting the garden during the break.

## Seeds or Seedling?

### Seeds

- Cost less than seedlings – more value for money
- Longer wait until harvest
- Can be hard to distinguish sprout/seedling from weeds
- Large seeds (e.g. beans) and root crops do better sown straight into the garden

### Seedlings

- Less waiting until harvest
- You know what you've planted



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