



Sid Sidebottom MP ... for a fair go in Braddon

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Acton Primary School gain up to \$60,000 for healthy, fresh food

STAFF and students at Acton Primary School will soon be able to grow, prepare and eat their own food after being awarded up to \$60,000 from the Federal Government to install kitchen and garden infrastructure.

Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom congratulated the school on being announced today as part of the national Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.

“I am a big supporter of this program and am very excited that Acton Primary School has been selected to take part,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“This funding will allow the school to build a high quality kitchen and garden.”

“What better way for children to learn about the benefits of healthy eating than to actually grow nutritional food themselves?”

“This program not only encourages pupils to get involved in healthy eating in a hands-on way, but it also invites parents to take part which ensures the healthy-eating message follows through into the home.

Under the program, pupils in years 3-6 will help work in the garden, harvest and cook food in a purpose-built teaching kitchen before sitting down to enjoy it with their parents and peers.

Acton Primary School was one of 37 schools across the country to be announced as participants in today’s announcement.

The next round of grants for the Stephanie Alexander Program is expected to open in mid 2009, with further funding rounds in 2010 and 2011.

The Rudd Government has committed up to \$60,000 for up to 190 Government primary schools to implement the program across Australia during the next four years.

For more information about the national Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program visit www.healthyactive.gov.au/kitchengarden.

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