

2025 Garden Competition:

Students who do not have an animal may choose to plant a garden in a container. There will be two sections in this competition. You can choose to grow either **flowers** or **vegetables from seed** in a portable container. Judging will be based on the display of the plants, the quality of the plants, and the design and appearance of the container.

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PLANTERS: Years 4, 5, and 6

You can choose to construct a planter or buy one for your garden.

Your planter must not be shorter than 50 cm. Remember, once filled with potting mix and plants, it must be able to be transported to school.

PLANTERS: Year 7/8

The planter must be planned and constructed at home.

We suggest the dimensions to be approximately **60 cm long, 30 cm wide, and 10 cm deep.**

(The planter cannot be too large or too deep as it must be portable. It must not be shorter than 50 cm.)



For All Students:

Along with your garden, you must also submit:

- **Plans** for the construction of your planter and the layout of your garden.
- A **photographic record** showing the development and growth of your garden — from seed planting to the plants we see on Calf Club Day.
- You may also include a **graph** showing plant growth over time.

This **photo board** must sit behind the planter, displaying the growth of your garden.



Photo Diary Section: Consider formatting this as a heading or section prompt.

Guidelines (From Judges):

- Students must plan the layout of the plants themselves. *No parental help in this area, please.*
- The focus is on **hands-on, experimental learning** — observing how plants develop, being creative, planning, and presenting the garden design, including plant health.
- The container must be portable so gardens can be brought to school on **Thursday, 11th September.**
 - **Years 4–6:** Place containers on the decks outside your classrooms.
 - **Years 7–8:** Placement to be confirmed.
- The container must not be shorter than 50 cm in length and should be creatively decorated.
- Choose good-quality potting mix. Remember to feed the plants and protect them from insects or fungus. Do not overwater.
- Students must be solely responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of their plants. *(Parents may assist with the application of snail bait.)*
- The **library or the internet** are good sources of ideas and gardening tips for plant care.

Important:

- On the **back of the photo board:** include the student's **name, age, and year level.**
- On the **front of the photo board:** clearly show the **student's year level.**

Judging: (The Home and School Committee has arranged judges for the gardens.)

1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will be awarded in each of the following year groups:

Year 4, Year 5, Year 6, Year 7, Year 8

The overall winner for the best garden will receive:

"The Bombay Garden Shield"

