

## CATERPILLAR PLAYGROUND SCULPTURE & FRUIT SEATS

 Nundah State School

 41 Bage Street, Nundah Qld 4012 , Australia

 2021

Natureworks In action

PROJECT CASE STUDY



Caterpillar play sculpture and fruit seats for Nundah State School





## Creative caterpillar and fruit play sculptures for primary school garden

The caterpillar play sculptures and fruit seats Natureworks created for Nundah State School in Brisbane form part of an amazing outside learning and community space called *The Village Green*.

Launched in March 2021, this area of the school grounds now has a community garden, sensory garden, butterfly garden and outside play and learning spaces.

### Learning through play

In one part of the Village Green, under the shade of the leafy 'Hungry Caterpillar Corner Tree', you'll find a colourful giant caterpillar sculpture. Alongside the caterpillar lie some equally oversize pieces of fruit that appear to have been nibbled by the caterpillar.

Should you happen to be a primary school student, you'll find that the fruit sculptures and the caterpillar are just the right size to sit on! In fact, the caterpillar can seat a number of children, and even a teacher or two. Luckily the caterpillar is friendly, and doesn't bite (unless you're a piece of fruit).



*The caterpillar admires its sign on the tree!*



*Nundah State School's launch promotion*



*School staff try the caterpillar sculpture on launch day*





## Bringing stories to life

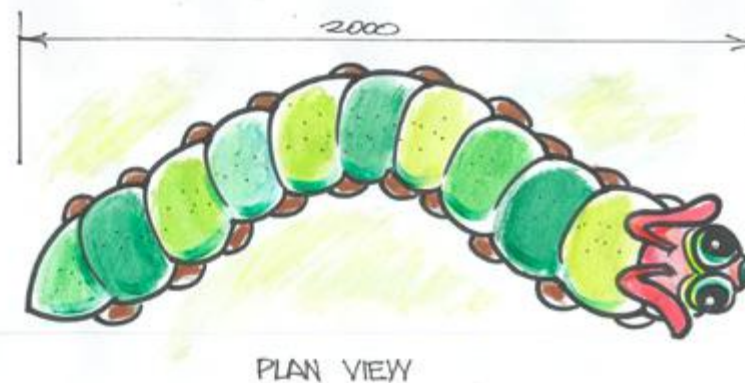
The much-loved children's picture book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle was the inspiration for the fruit and caterpillar play sculptures.

The book tells the story of a hungry caterpillar who eats its way through an increasing variety of foods before building a cocoon and emerging as a butterfly. Having sold over 50 million copies worldwide, the book is often used for classroom activities – as a way to help children learn about food and natural cycles.

The caterpillar play sculpture and fruit seats provide a lovely outside space for children to read the book, learn about nature or just have fun!



"HUNGRY CATERPILLAR" Scale 1:100 (A3)



Natureworks' concept sketches for the caterpillar play sculpture and chewed fruit pieces



Hungry Caterpillar illustration from Eric Carle's book

Simplified caterpillar sketch



Fruit illustrations from "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" pop-up book



Reference images for designing fruit sculptures



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## Summary of project scope

- Sculpture of caterpillar 2.5 metres curved (2m overall), 40 cm max height; with 2 pac finish
- Sculpture of apple, pear, and strawberry in reinforced concrete
- Concrete slab and footings for sculptures
- Installation on site in Brisbane

The following photographs show the caterpillar play sculpture at various stages of production from fibreglass mould and casting through to finishing.





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## Unique play and learning spaces

The Natureworks team loves firing children's imaginations through creative, nature-based play. Our caterpillar play sculptures and other storybook characters and animal sculptures help to turn kids onto the wonders of the natural world.

Contact Natureworks to discuss your vision for a play space, educational display, childcare centre, park playground, leisure facility or visitor attraction.



*Fruit sculptures at different stages of production*

*Colour brings the fruit to life*

*Installing the caterpillar and fruit sculptures at the school*