

Jasmine Francis is the Education Co-ordinator for Jalaris. She is responsible for implementing the Kids Garden Project. Here's a snippet from her interview

Brad Riley: Tell me about Jalaris.

Jasmine Francis : Jalaris is a family owned organization run by our parents Brett and Bidy Morris, they been running for about 15 years, helping out the children, giving them good food and a safe environment to play after school, the after school Kids Club where you keep the kids off the streets, they can come here and do things. Like activities, sports, and get right into things like the gardening.

B : How did the garden start?

J : Well we thought of getting Kids to do things at home basically, where parents don't hardly have any money, it's growing things at home, and showing them that they can do these things at home,

and having things veges and fruit, things that they use every day, like tomato that they use in their sandwiches. Growing things at home would be cheaper.

Among parents here, they have the veges or fruit for a couple of days, depends on how many children and adults are in the house. So at least having vege gardens, it'll last more longer, you got the next lot to grow, or it's still developing and you could take two, today, two tomorrow.

So we get the kids to draw ah, draw their way of what the garden would look like, what they would want in the garden.