St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School is a part of the Reef Guardian program, committed to raising awareness about protecting the local environment.

This year, the Prep teachers and Reef Guardian Committee have engaged in a joint project with the kind assistance of local artist, Julie Wilcox. The school wanted to promote this program to the students and their families by creating an awareness of caring for our reef environment. The essence of the garden is ‘Keeping an Eye on the Reef.’

The theme of the Reef Garden has been focused around a drawing of a turtle by a St Francis Xavier student, Oscar Bishop. The garden features a variety of mixed media artworks designed and created by Julie Wilcox. These include aspects of the reef environment such as coral, fish, turtles, starfish and octopus. Teachers and students contributed by making multi-coloured beaded bottles which represent the contrasting colours of the reef environment. Many recycled materials in the creation of this project.

The Reef Garden has evoked much interest, imagination and awareness for students, families and visitors about caring for our reef.