

Nature Play Spaces - Natural Materials Fact Sheet

Loose Parts

“Loose parts play involves using a wide selection of everyday objects and materials to create, build, invent, experiment and play with” - Nature Play QLD

LOOSE VEGETATION

Many trees and shrubs are notorious for dropping leaves, branches, seed pods and other bits and bobs. Generally, these are a nuisance, but Nature Play QLD encourages schools and parks to use these natural loose parts as play items for children to make cubbies, obstacle courses, swords, and anything else they can imagine!

Refer to Nature Play QLD's suggested plant species for further ideas of natural loose parts.

Consider consulting a landscape architect for species selection and placement.

OTHER ELEMENTS

Just about anything else can also be a Loose Part, from PVC pipes and ropes to tyres and kitchenware!

This is a perfect opportunity to involve your local community in sourcing any unwanted bric-a-brac items that they have lying around.

For more ideas on appropriate items, refer to Nature Play QLD's Loose Parts Wish List on the Nature Play QLD website.

REMEMBER TO AVOID ANY SHARP OR OBVIOUSLY DANGEROUS ITEMS.

It's recommended that an area is designated for loose parts play to contain the spread of items around the play space.

