

# POLLINATION STATION

## playspace card

The Pollination Station, a vibrant Playspace where the wonders of nature come alive! This enchanting area invites children to immerse themselves in the fascinating world of pollinators—nature's essential workers. Sensory trays offer a tactile exploration and images of pollinators from by the book *Pollination*, inspire young minds to appreciate these tiny yet mighty creatures. Explore life cycles of butterflies and bees, to discover the miraculous transformations these creatures undergo. This is a space where learning blooms, curiosity is cultivated, and the vital role of pollinators in our ecosystem is celebrated.

### CREATING THIS SPACE we've got you covered

Browse a curated list of everything we used to create this space on our website!

➔ [bellbird.com.au/inspiring-playspaces](https://bellbird.com.au/inspiring-playspaces)

Whether you're topping up your own resource collection or want to purchase the whole Playspace, Bellbird has you covered!

### PLAYSPACE BUNDLES what's included?

- ➔ Purchase all the resources used to put this Playspace together so you can set it up in your own space and style
  - *Pollination Station Playspace - Resources* ([SKU 110060U](#))
- ➔ Purchase everything you need to create this exact set-up in your space, including the 3-way mirror, trays and all resources
  - *Pollination Station Playspace - Resources & Mirror* ([SKU 110060T](#))

\*Please note that the photography does not show all items from the resource sets. Purchasing this Playspace includes complete sets beyond those displayed.

### OUR HERO PIECES in this space

- ➔ *Pollination - Hardcover Book* ([SKU 134354](#))
- ➔ *Billy Kidz Large Birch Three Way Mirror* ([SKU 135723](#))
- ➔ *Masterkidz Bee Life Cycle Handy Learning Board* ([SKU 158771](#))
- ➔ *Sensory Play Stones - Butterflies* ([SKU 113397](#))
- ➔ *The Book of Bees - Hardcover Book* ([SKU 134378](#))
- ➔ *Wooden Honeycomb Bee Hive & Felt Bee Set - 16pcs* ([SKU 137172](#))
- ➔ *Sensory Play Stones - Flowers* ([SKU 113394](#))
- ➔ *Wooden Lifecycle Tiles - 24pk* ([SKU 133373](#))



Flip over the page for links to the EYLF, Planning Cycle and Implementation/Extension tips



Take some of the guess work out of the 'why' behind the 'what' and let the Bellbird Playspace cards help guide you to create engaging and meaningful learning opportunities.



### THE BIGGER THOUGHTS

learning themes and connections

Wondering what topics and themes you might see children exploring whilst engaging in this playspace? Check out some relevant learning themes here:

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| ➔ Biodiversity | ➔ Ecosystems | ➔ Lifecycles   |
| ➔ Symbiosis    | ➔ Gardening  | ➔ Conservation |



### PROMOTING THINKING DURING PLAY

engaging with children

Help children to think deeper about the topics you're exploring by engaging with them during play, use open-ended questions to challenge and develop children's thoughts and ideas about what they're learning. You could ask children:

- ➔ What do you think would happen to flowers and plants if there were no bees or butterflies to help with pollination?
- ➔ Can you imagine what it would be like if people could pollinate plants? How might we do it, and what tools would we need?
- ➔ If you were an insect, which flower would you choose to visit and why? How would you decide which flowers are the best for collecting pollen or nectar?



### LINKING TO THE LEARNING BEHIND PLAY

possible links to the early years learning framework

You might find children engaging in the following learning outcomes from the EYLF:

- ➔ Learning Outcome 2.4: Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment
- ➔ Learning Outcome 5.2: Children engage with a range of texts and gain meaning from these texts



### EXTENDING PLAY: WHERE TO NEXT

extension ideas and prompts for continued inquiry

- ➔ Create a pollinator garden with diverse flowers to attract bees and butterflies. This activity teaches about plant species and the importance of pollinators in the ecosystem.
- ➔ Head outside and encourage children to observe and record the different types of pollinators they see. This activity enhances observation skills and provides insights into pollinator behaviour.
- ➔ Learn all about bees and explore the role of a Bee Keeper through videos like:
  - [Learn About Bees for Kids](#) / [Pollination for Kids](#) / [Beekeeping for Kids Oliver and Lucas](#) (Educational Videos for Kids on YouTube)



### EVALUATING EXPERIENCES

prompts for critical reflection

- ➔ What worked well and why? What will I do differently next time?
- ➔ What feedback did children give, and how can I include their voices in future experiences?



### MORE INSPIRATION

Want some more guidance and ideas on engaging environments? We've got you covered!



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