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NORTHCOTE TOWN CENTRE



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“I like the star one because it has an essence of the past.”

—Georgia



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“The shadow one—that was love for your friends, friendship and your community.”

—Emma (teacher)



Tell us about your experience with this project.

“I liked the fact that we got to go around and take photos of all the cool things around Northcote that have been developed and are going to be changed. So, in the future, you could compare old photos to the new photos.”

—Bo





Tell us about your experience with this project.

“It was fun because we got to go around looking at things that will change in the future.”

—Theo



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“I was thinking what would it look like if you were, like, a little insect looking up in the sky.”

—Jess



Tell us about your experience with this project so far.

“Sometimes I walk through Northcote and I don’t realise how much pretty stuff there is there and all the lovely plants.”

—Siyon





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“...I looked closer to it and I was like, whoa, they have a pattern inside.”

Has this helped you to see things differently? Has it changed anything for you? Maybe how you look at nature?

“Yeah, I looked closer to it the other day, and I also realised there’s these little petal thingies around it and they also have a tiny pattern too.”

—Siyan

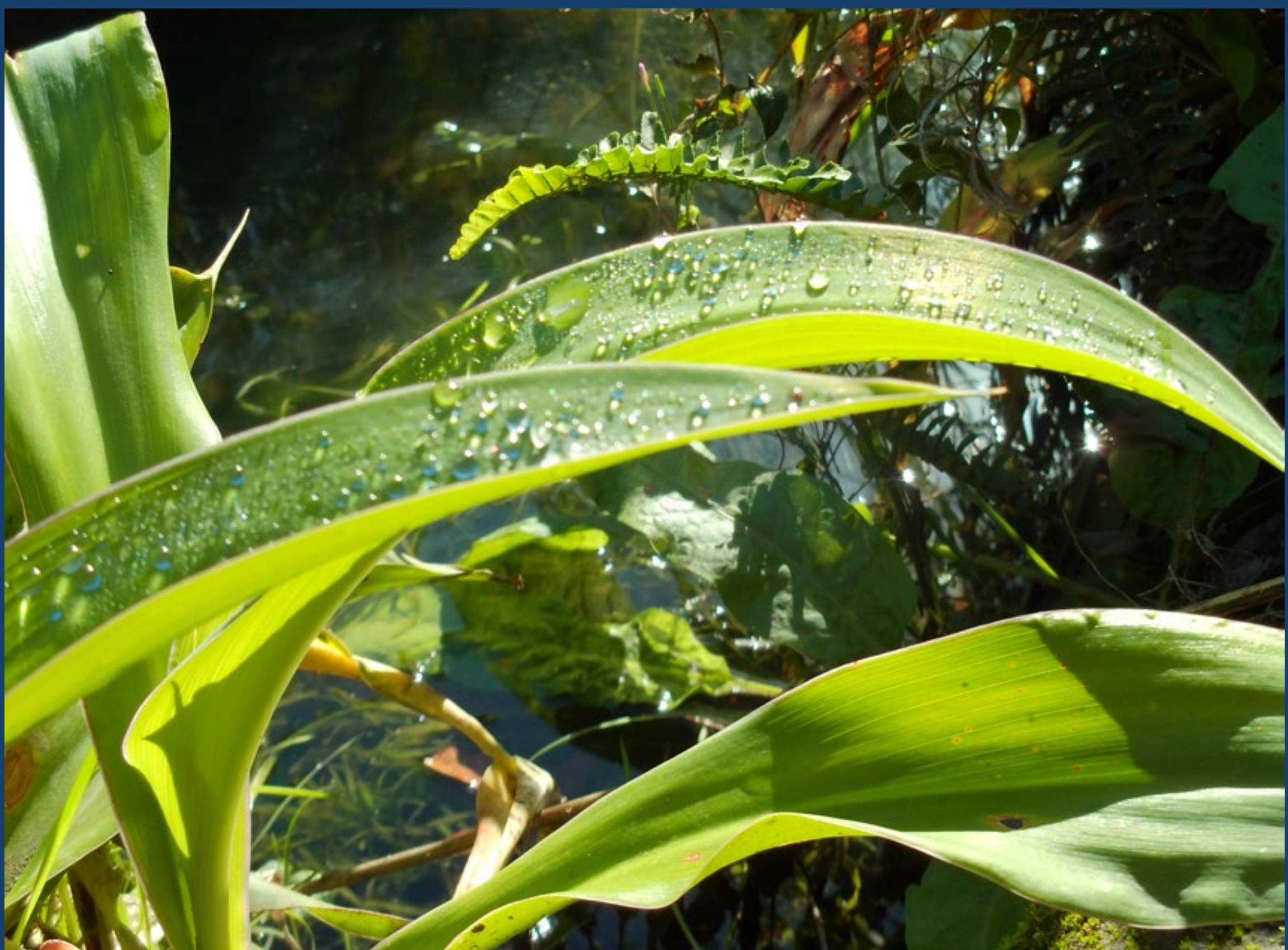


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“I took that one because it’s like construction and there’s all this stuff being destroyed and there’s like a big metal hook thing in the middle.”

—Mia





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“The water droplets on the plants looked really cool, reflecting against the green.”

—Mia

“I love how the background with the water and the green droplets mix together.”

—Georgia





While you were out taking photographs, did you see new things that you'd never noticed before about Northcote?

“I noticed the clock. I never noticed that before. And when we took the photo, it was very cool.”

—Georgia

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“...it’s got nature and then the sky, and some shops in the background... It’s a beautiful thing in the middle of, like, a big bustling place.”

—Jess

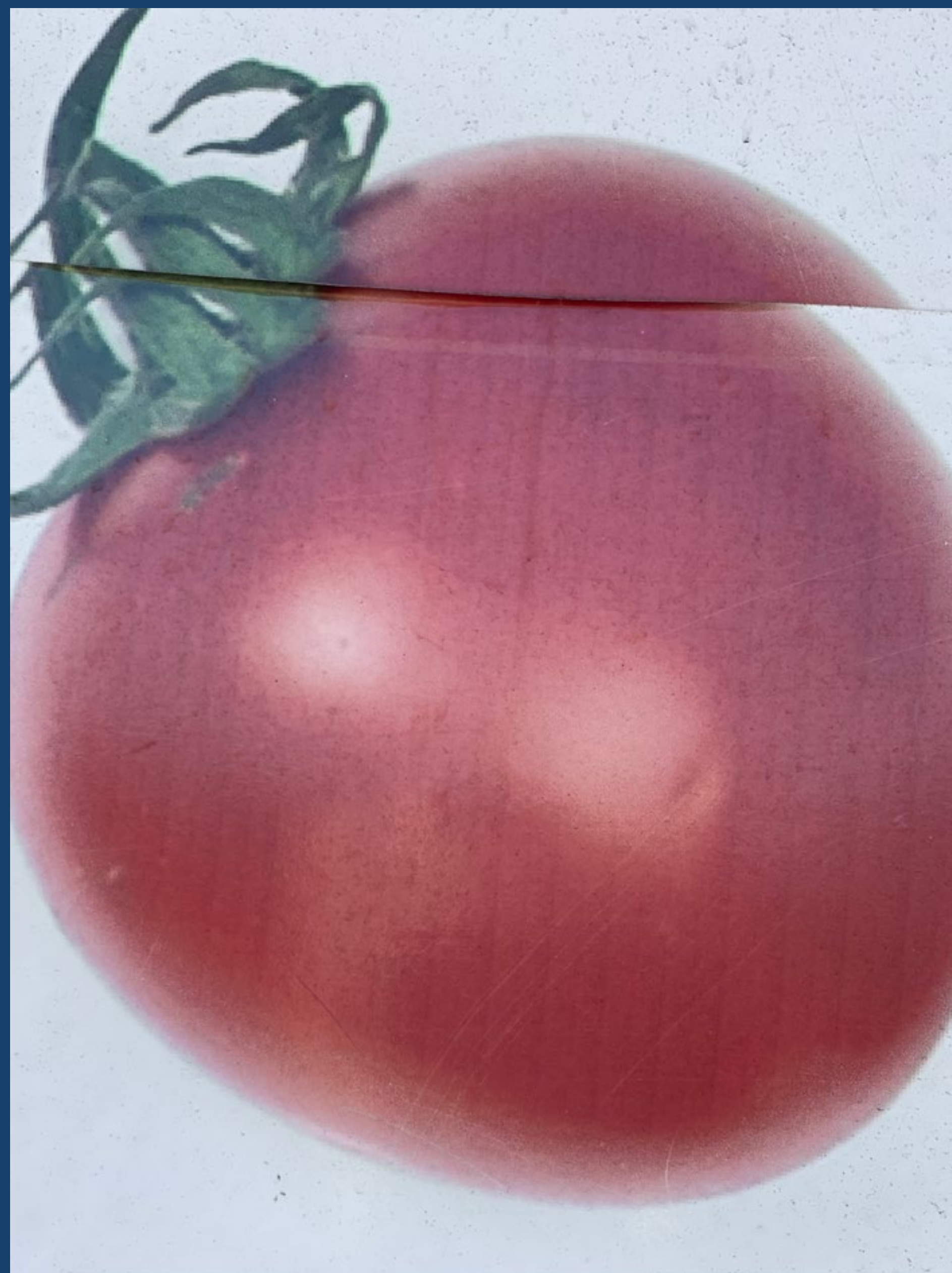
“It looks like it’s not New Zealand. Like you’re overseas somewhere, with that palm tree and the blue sky.”

—Emma (teacher)

Thoughts on Northcote

“In the future there’s gonna be a lot of new buildings. This place might be even turned into a city, so I’m excited, because now instead of a city, it’s a nice town center with cool nature.”

—Carter



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“I’m excited to see old buildings and trees and stuff that won’t be there in the future. I’m really excited to see what else will change, when I turn 13.”

—Cale

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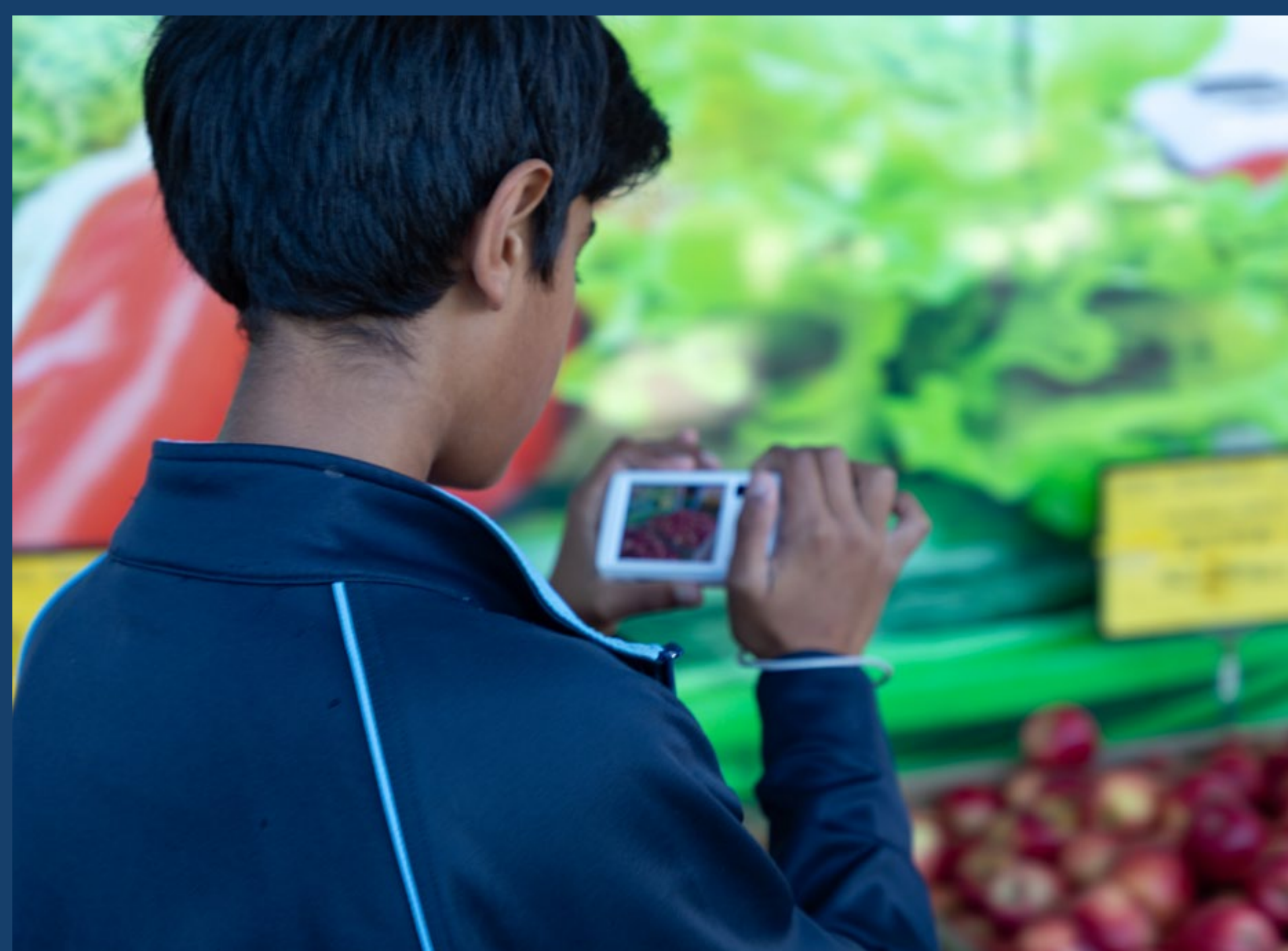
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—Jess



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