

# What makes a great Gardener?

It's not about having all the answers, but rather about providing the conditions a student needs to develop.

## **ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY**

An adult who takes charge and who invites the student to rest in their care.

## **CARES UNCONDITIONALLY**

An adult who understands a student's underlying needs and challenges and who won't be alienated by their behaviour.

## **HAS FAITH IN NATURE'S PLAN**

An adult who believes that maturation takes time and who does not expect immediate results.

## **IS EMOTIONALLY GROUNDED**

An adult who takes up a relationship with their own feelings and who can make room for the student's emotions.

## **ADAPTS TO CHALLENGES**

An adult who is aware of their zone of influence and who is able to face futility when necessary.

## **FEELS INNER DISSONANCE**

An adult who takes up a relationship with their own conflicting feelings, who can make sense of them and who can find their way through.

## **LEANS ON OTHERS**

An adult who is a team player and who can reach out for additional support when needed.

## **BELIEVES IN ONE'S SELF**

An adult who can tap into their intuition and believe that they can be the answer to a student in need.