



Footprint of the new playground

Thomas Carroll Reserve, Dandenong New Neighbourhood Playground Consultation Summary Report

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Greater Dandenong City Council asked the community to have their say on the draft Concept Plan for the new neighbourhood playground at Thomas Carroll Reserve, Dandenong which will replace the existing playground and also be relocated to the north side of the carpark, as seen in the photo above.

The community consultation on the draft concept was open for a four-week period from 22 August - 23 September 2022. Refer to page 3 to view the draft concept plan.

Various methods were used to promote and seek feedback on the concept plan.

The consultation included:

- Notification posters within Thomas Carroll Reserve
- Information on Council's website
- Online survey via Survey Monkey (general public)
- Online survey for children via Survey Monkey
- In class presentations with school children at St Mary's Primary School and Dandenong Primary School.

Children's School Classroom Presentations

The development of the ideas for the draft concept plan was informed by the consultation undertaken with school children from St Mary's Primary School and Dandenong Primary School. There were 54 children who participated in these in classroom presentations.

- 18 students from Dandenong Primary School - Monday 29th August
- 36 students from St Mary's Primary School - Thursday 25th August

There were two in-class presentations facilitated by Council's Children's Services Development Officer and Council's Landscape Architect. The in-class presentations on the draft concept plan for the playground were based on the children's survey questions.

Council officers asked the students to answer a series of questions with accompanying images on their preferences for different playground equipment elements and preferred colour theme. There was also an opportunity for open discussion and general feedback.

The feedback from these in-class presentations and the follow up children's online survey were used to inform and develop the revised final Concept for the Thomas Carroll Reserve playground.

Council received

- **2 survey responses - online survey (general survey)**
- **89 survey responses - online children's survey**
- **In class presentations - 36 students from St Mary's Primary School and 18 students from Dandenong Primary School.**

Draft Concept Plan - August / September 2022

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAYGROUND

THOMAS CARROLL RESERVE 100-130 BOX STREET, DANDENONG



Proposal

Greater Dandenong City Council is planning to relocate and upgrade the Thomas Carroll Reserve playground along with additional landscape improvement works.

The playground will include a diverse range of equipment.

Council is seeking feedback on the draft playground ideas as well as other suggestions you may have.

Your ideas will help shape the design of this new playground.

Ideas and opportunities for the proposed playground

- ① 4m tall double bay swing (two flat seats)
- ② Single toddler swing
- ③ 360 degree basket swing
- ④ Play activity tower with elements such as:
 - monkey bars, fireman's pole
 - climbing walls and steps
 - tunnel
 - platform decks at different heights
 - roof covering
 - small and large slide
 - integrated play panels such as a shop front and driving wheel etc.
 - short length overhead track ride
 - rope play
 - junior and senior level equipment
- ⑤ Spinner
- ⑥ Group spring rocker
- ⑦ Single spring rocker x2

Legend



HAVE YOUR SAY

To view the concept plan online and to have your say via the online survey, visit Council's website greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au under the 'Have your say' Section.

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Submissions close Friday 23 September 2022

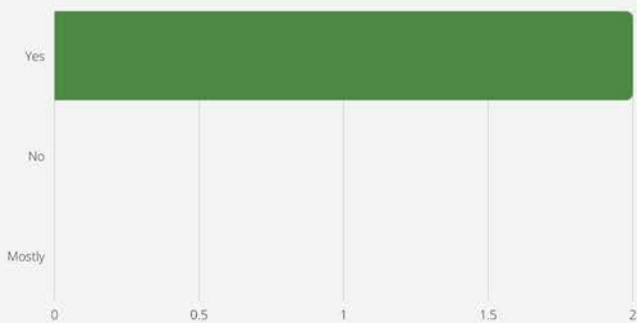
Examples of playground ideas



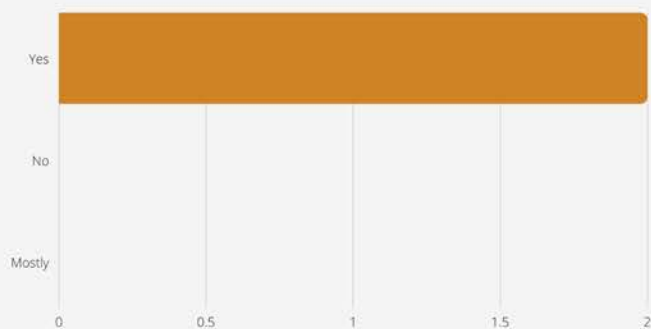
Results - general online survey

General Survey Responses

1 - Do you agree with the concept plan Council has developed?



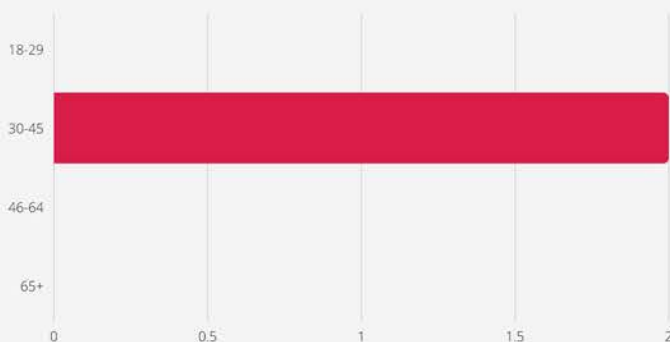
2 - Do you agree with the equipment examples Council has provided?



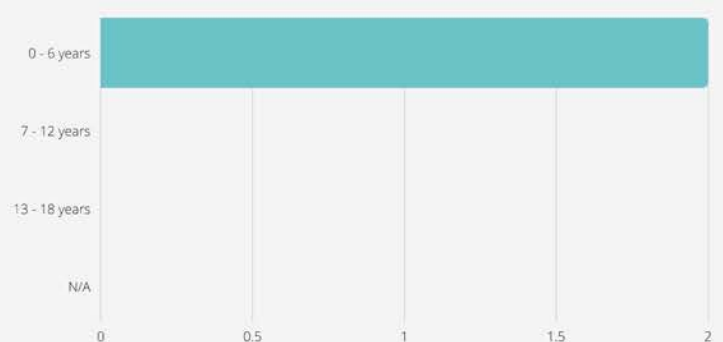
3- Additional comments

It would be great if this playground could be fully fenced as it is near a busy road

4 - What is your age group?

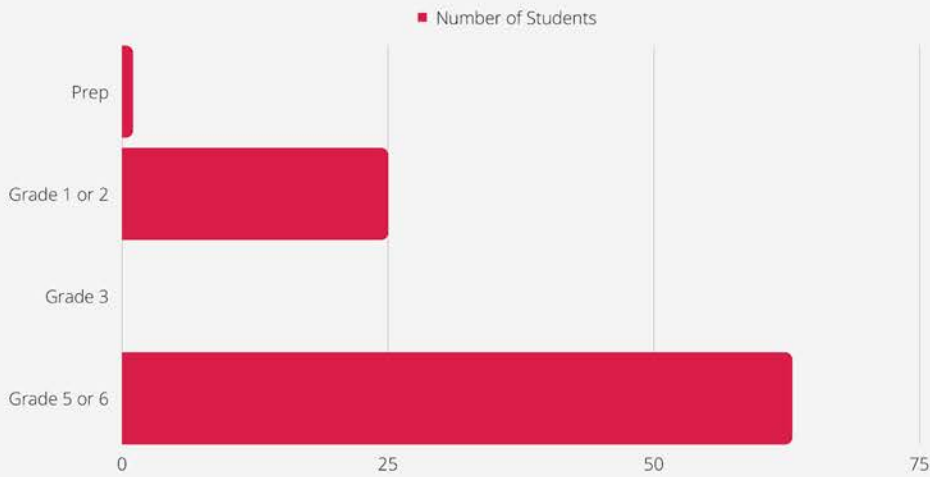


5 - What is your children's age group?

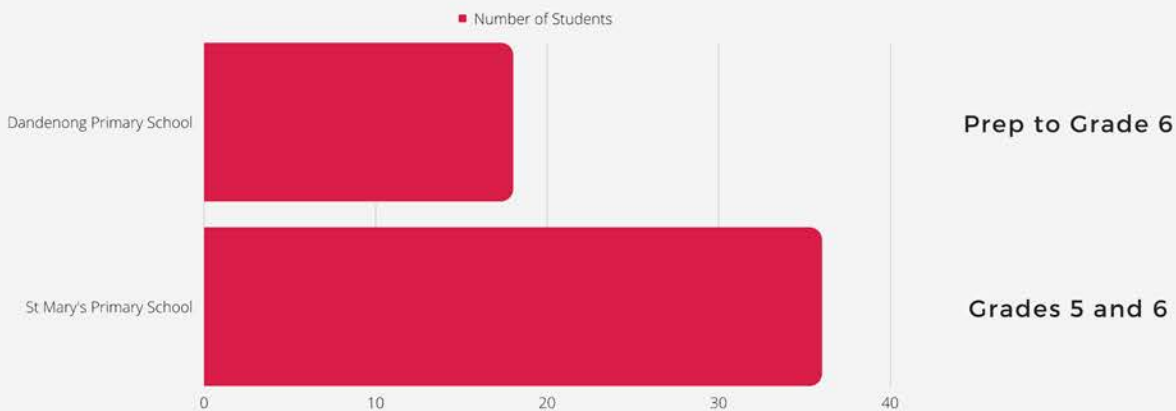


Combined Results: Children's online survey and in class presentations

1 - What grade are you in? (online survey)

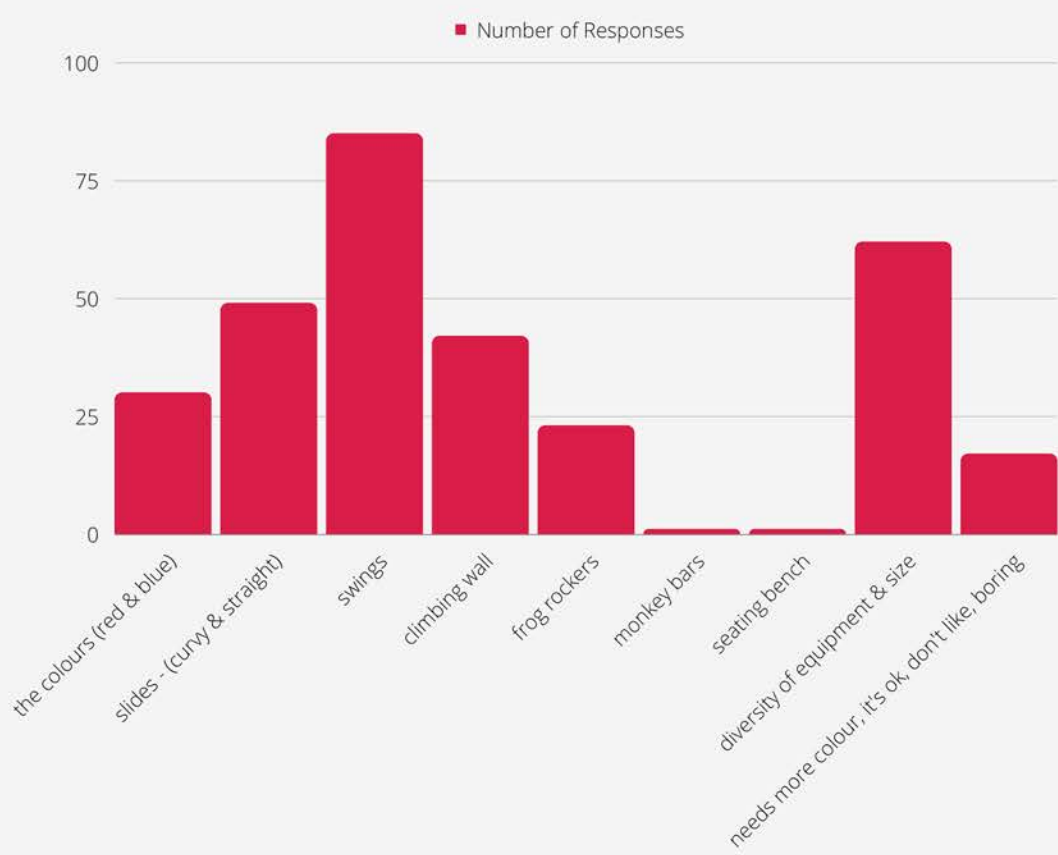


1 - What grade are you in? (in class presentations)



Combined Results: Children's online survey and in class presentations

2 - What do you like about this playground ? Sandra Reserve red coloured playground



A variety of slides, lots of swings, a diversity of equipment and the red and blue colour theme were very popular responses.

Breakdown of common themes from open ended responses

Combined Results: Children's online survey and in class presentations

2 - What do you like about this playground ? Sandra Reserve red coloured playground Open ended comments from survey

The common themes for these comments are summarised in the graph on page 6

- *I like how it is big and not small it also is the school colours and I like all the different things we can do or play with or play in and it looks great. (And it will be suitable for the cause there very active.)*
- *I like about the size of the playground because there is a little one for the little people and more in the back.*
- *I like rock climbing*
- *I like the colors and the swings*
- *I like how the colour scheme is red and Blue*
- *The swings*
- *I like this playground because its color full*
- *I really like the slide and the swing*
- *Twisting slide*
- *the frogs*
- *What I like about this playground is the swing, slide and the frog things*
- *I love this playground because it's for preps and awesome !!*
- *I like the colour theme that's on the playground and the frogs.*
- *It has cool slides and climbing boards*
- *how it's kind of high*
- *the slide turns and the swing and bench we can sit*
- *What I like about the playground is that it is colourful and has multiple playgrounds even for the little kids.*
- *Everything in it AND I LOVE THE SWINGS*
- *I like the way there is different ways to climb the slides.*
- *A giant slide please.*
- *I like the slides but make the slides bigger*
- *It has many different types of equipment.*
- *I like the monkey bar.*
- *I like how it has a twisted slide*
- *Slide, climbing ropes, swings, rope bridge and the flying fox.*
- *the climbing equipment*
- *I like the loop slide and the rock climbing*

Combined Results: Children's online survey and in class presentations

2 - What do you like about this playground ? Sandra Reserve red coloured playground Open ended comments from in class presentations

The common themes for these comments are summarised in the graph on page 6

Dandenong Primary School - 18 students

Like:

- netting
- swings
- rockers
- slides

Don't like:

- not connected
- colours
- tan bark

Comments:

- needs more swings and slides

St Mary's Primary School - 36 students

Like:

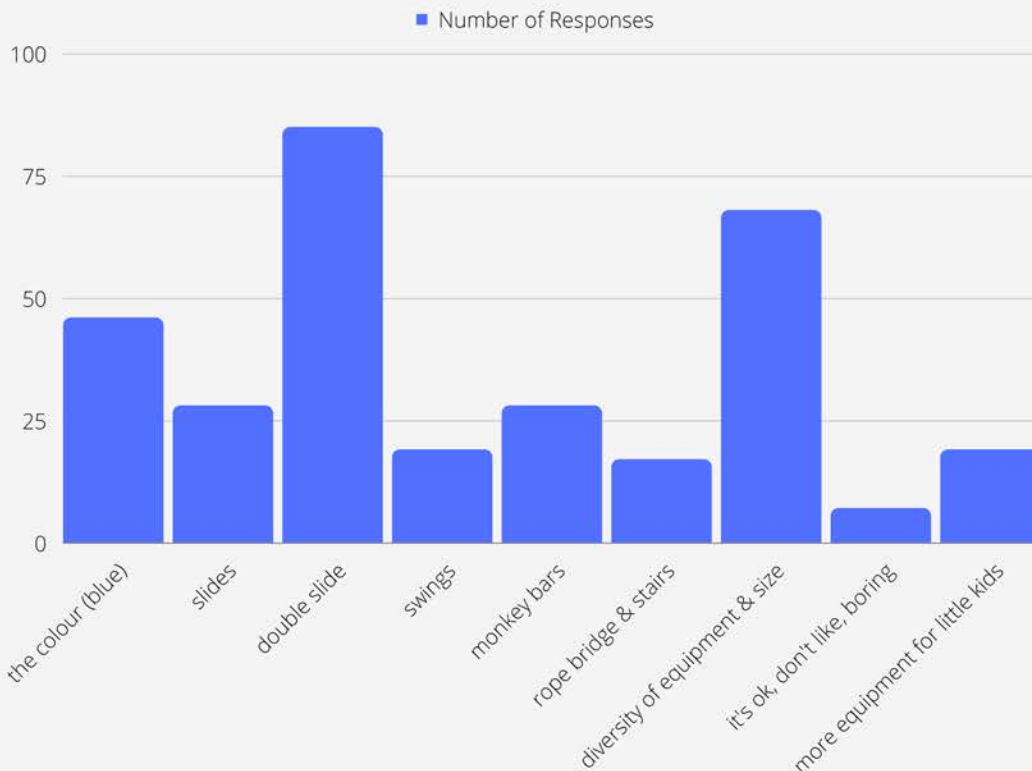
- swings
- design
- spider net (shape)
- rock climbing (challenging)
- it's bigger
- has more activities
- spacious (spreadout)

Comments:

- longer slide,
- needs more colour

Combined Results: Children's online survey and in class presentations

3 - What do you like about this playground ? Turner Reserve blue coloured playground



The large size of the playground was a standout reason for liking this playground. The double slide, monkey bars, swings, other slides and the colour blue also featured in the responses.

Breakdown of common themes from open ended responses

Combined Results: Children's online survey and in class presentations

2 - What do you like about this playground ? Turner Reserve blue coloured playground Open ended comments from survey

The common themes for these comments are summarised in the graph on page 6

- *I like that there are lots of playground equipment and the colour is blue.*
- *I like the colour it's good but if i would add a touch I would add swings. (good for grades 5 and 6s and 3 and 4s)*
- *I like this because it matches preps to 5 and 6*
- *I like the slides*
- *I like the double slides*
- *I like the swings because we don't have swings in this school.*
- *Amazing but is three things for little kids*
- *I like the colors*
- *what I like about the playground is the slides*
- *I like the colour blue and it for kid that are 8 to 12 can play I think*
- *I love it because it has slides for kids and stairs for kids to get up*
- *It looks nice and better and has two slides*
- *this one is big so a lot of people can play here.*
- *It looks like a enjoyable playground for the kids because there is a second floor.*
- *I love the swings and the blue colour*
- *I like how the park has slides and swings.*
- *The colours, the Monkey Bars, the Swings, the Slides and the little tunnel.*
- *I really don't like the tic tac toe and the thing next to it.*
- *I like that there is like a theme and I'm guessing that theme is water.*
- *I love the monkey bar*
- *monkey bars, multi levels, slides, swings, rope bridge.*
- *It has my favorite color on them and it's really big I really like it.*
- *I like the challenges and the colour blue and the two slides*

Combined Results: Children's online survey and in class presentations

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Dandenong Primary School - 18 students

Like:

- colours
- all connected
- foam at the bottom of the slide
- high slide
- more things to do

Comments:

- need lower monkey bars for smaller kids
- more baby swings and see saw

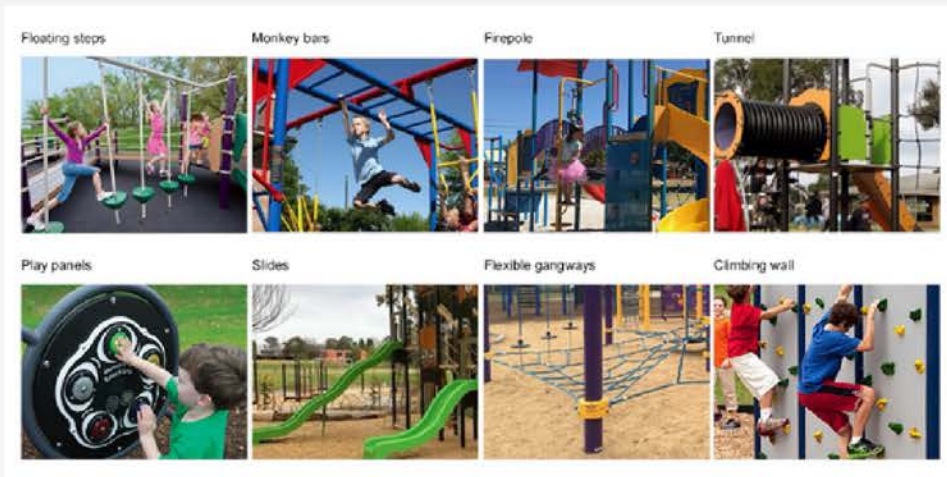
St Mary's Primary School - 36 students

Like:

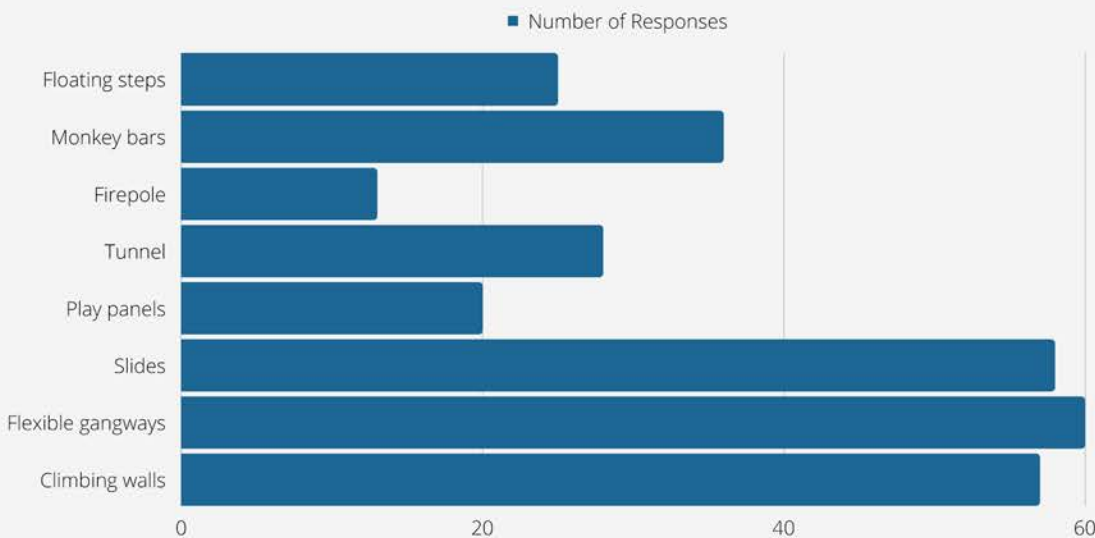
- bigger
- connected
- double slide

Combined Results: Children's online survey and in class presentations

**4 - Which elements in a play tower are your favourite?
Select the two options you have most fun on**

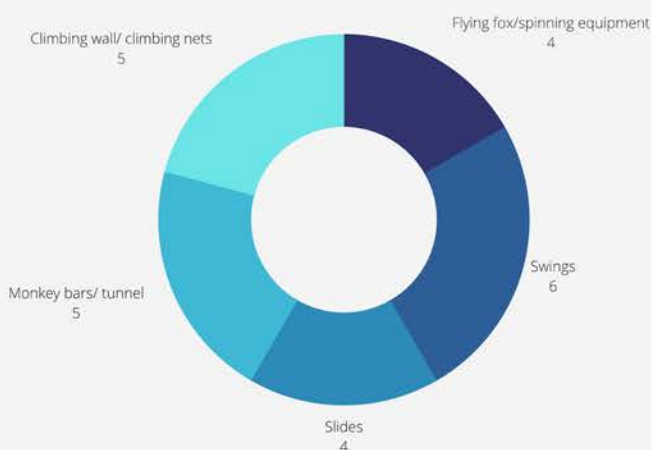


fun, gives you energy, looks cool, there's not enough of these around CGD, kids like climbing, helps kids overcome their fear of heights



Slides, flexible gangways and climbing walls were all close in the votes received. Monkey bars were also popular.

Other comments received reinforce the importance that kids place on swings, slides and different types of diverse climbing elements in a playground.



Breakdown of common themes from open ended responses

Combined Results: Children's online survey and in class presentations

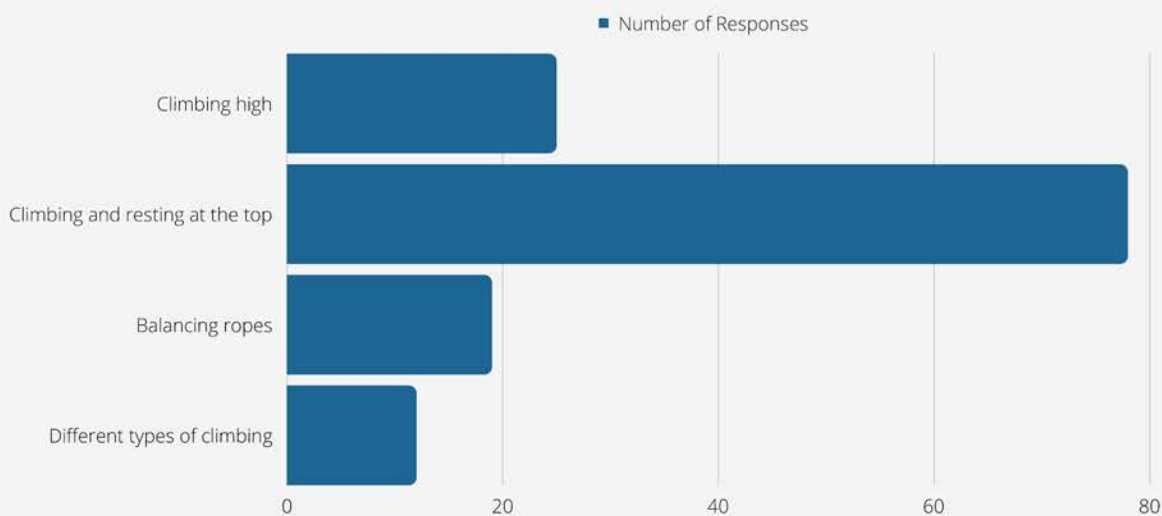
5 - Which climbing elements are you most excited by?
Select your favourite



Climbing and resting at the top was a clear vote winner.

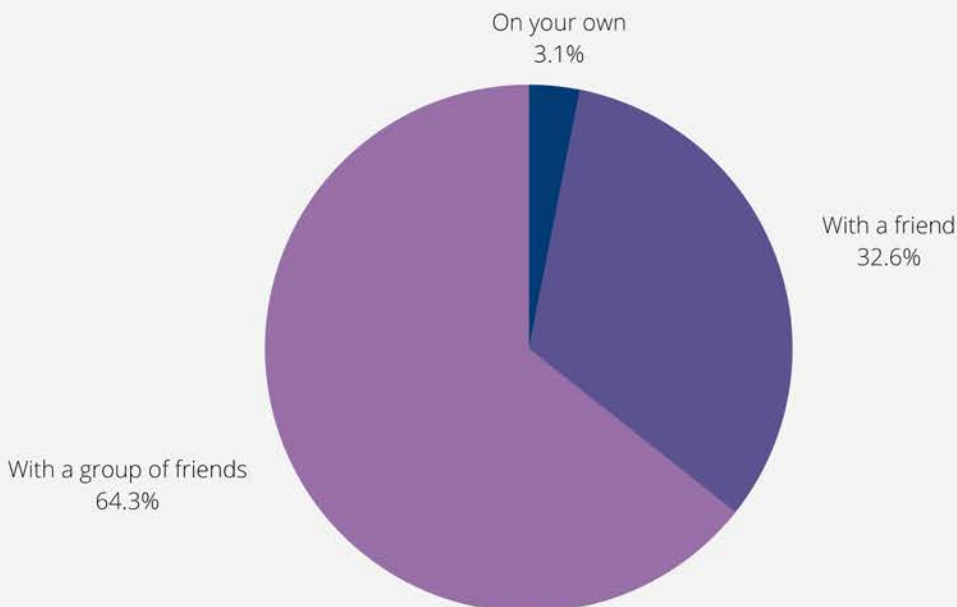
Other comments

- going to the top, jumping off the top, high, obstacles
- adventurous, chill, looks interesting, take a nap
- more things to climb, relax at the top



Combined Results: Children's online survey and in class presentations

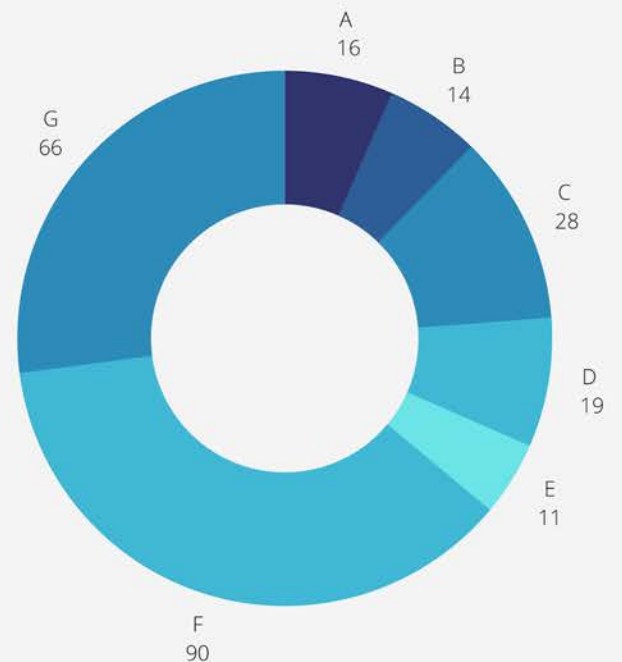
**6 - How do you like to use spring rockers?
Select your favourite**



Spring rockets are always great fun when they allow for two or more friends to use them together.

Combined Results: Children's online survey and in class presentations

7 - Which spinner would you like to see in the new playground?
Pick you two favourite spinners



Rotating swings, where kids can sit and spin around with friends received the popular vote.

Other rotating elements that kids can hang off and spin or a type of rotating carousel spinner were also seen as fun in a playground.

Dandenong Primary School

more than one person, looks fun, need something to hold on to, need a bigger basket flying, fun, floating in the air, challenging

Combined Results: Children's online survey and in class presentations

8 - How fun does this look? Giant 360 basket swing

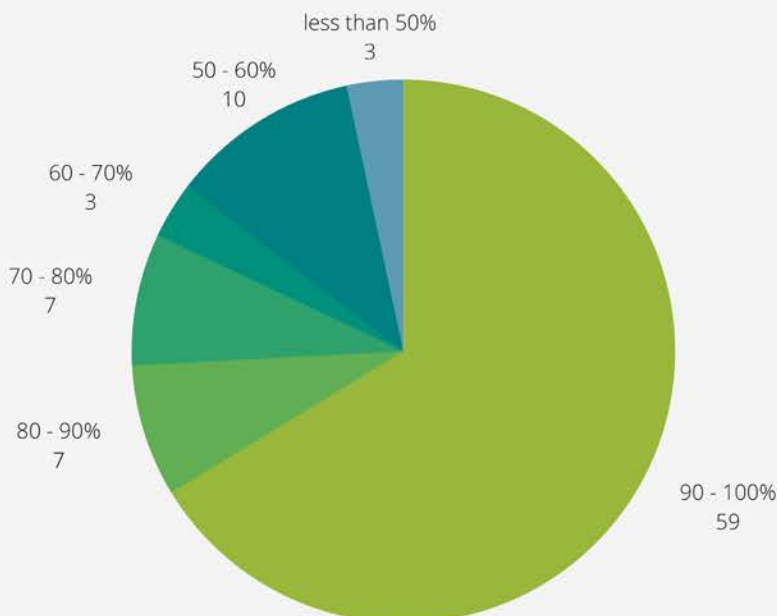
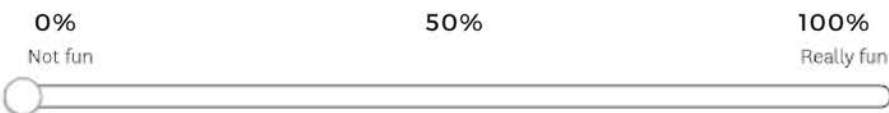
Giant 360 degree basket swing



Other comments St Mary's Primary school

- get to do it with a friend, sleep on it, goes in any direction, jump on it, stand on it

How fun does this look?



There was overwhelming agreement that the giant 360 degree basket swing would be a fun piece of equipment to play on.

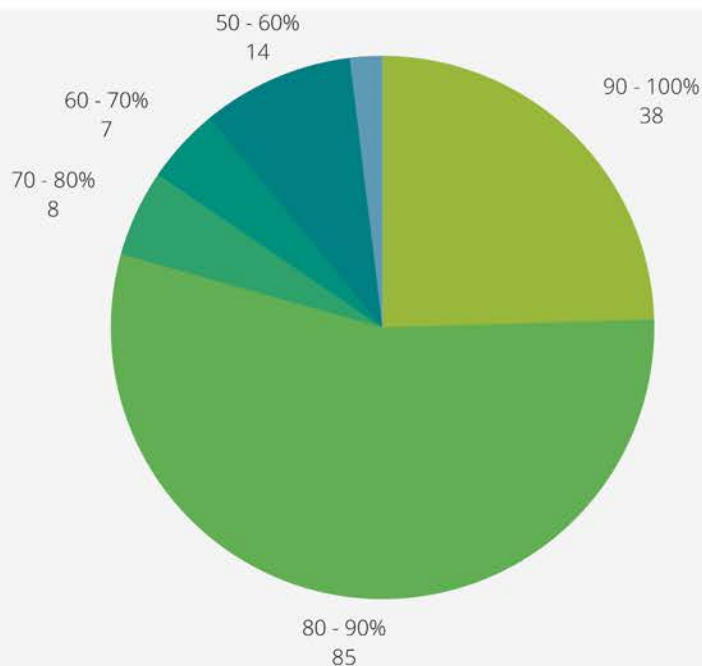
Combined Results: Children's online survey and in class presentations

9 - How fun does this look? 4m high standard swing

4m high double swing



How fun does this look?



There was a mixed response to how fun these tall swings would be.

There was still strong agreement that the 4m high standard swing would be a fun piece of equipment to play on.

Combined Results: Children's online survey and in class presentations

10 - Which slide do you have most fun on?

Spiral enclosed slide



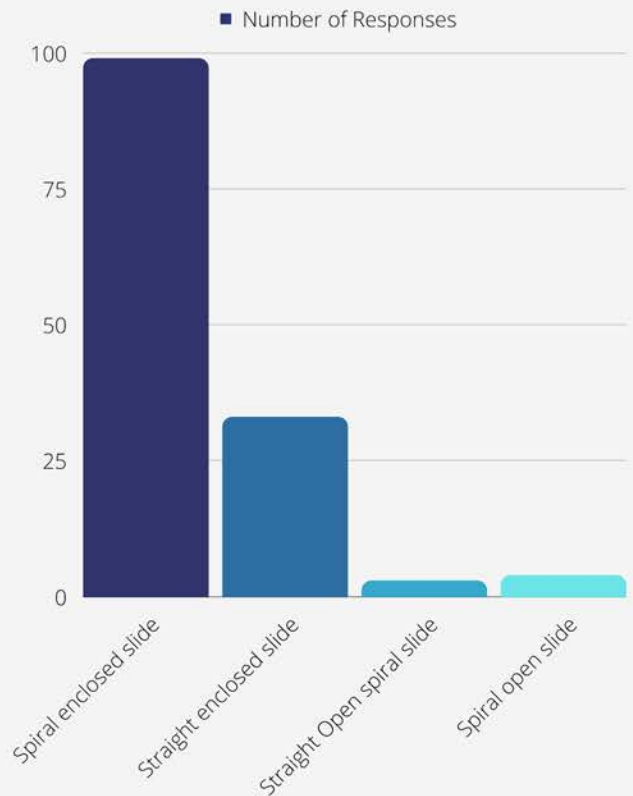
Straight enclosed slide



Straight open slide



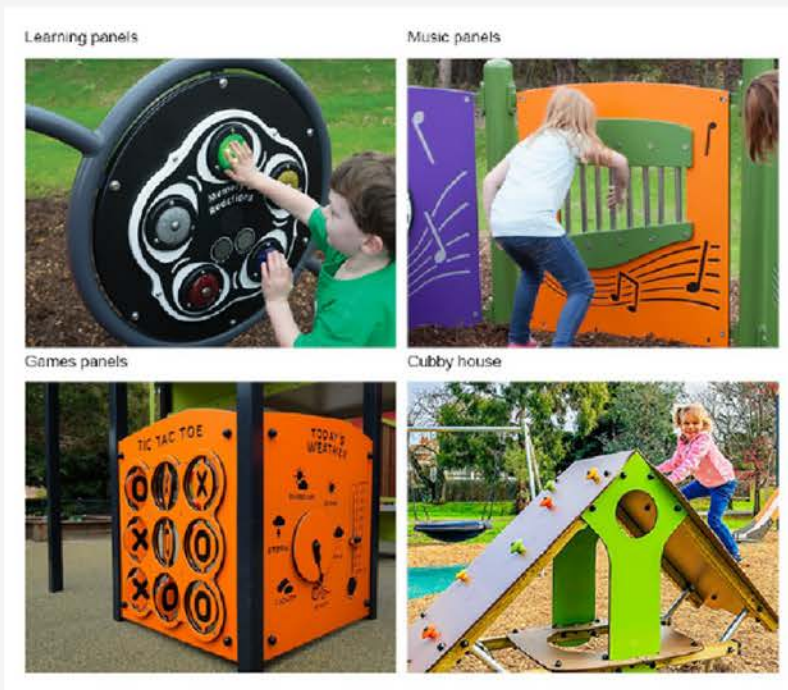
Spiral open slide



**Slides are very popular - a big winner with everyone.
Spiral enclosed slides were viewed as being especially fun.
The more variety in type of slide, height and colour, the more fun there is !**

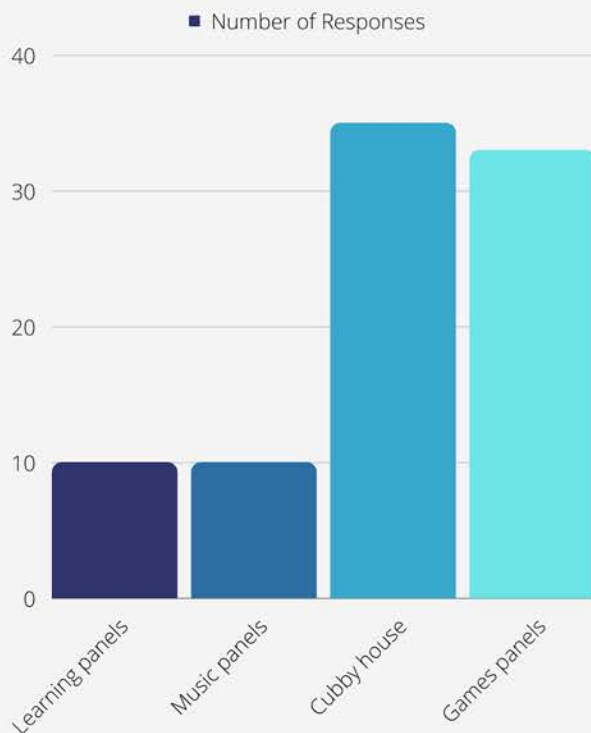
Combined Results: Children's online survey and in class presentations

11 - Pick your favourite play element



Other comments
St Mary's Primary school

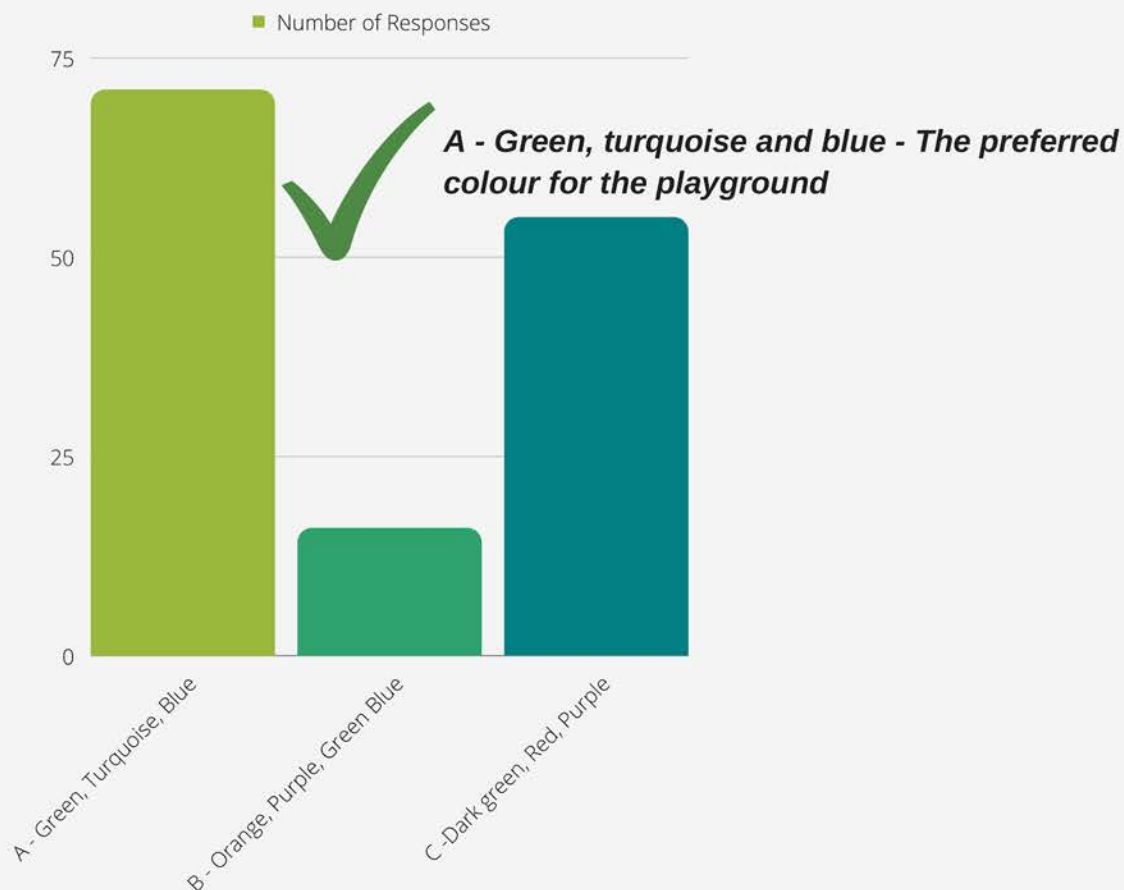
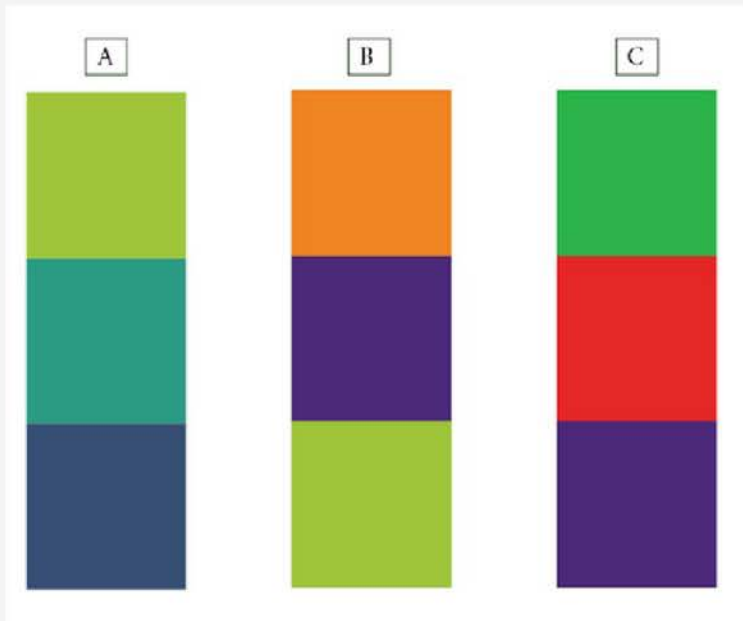
most popular - fun, climb on it IDEA: combine cubby house with games and music



Games panels are popular - a cubby house and games panels were viewed as the key favourites

Combined Results: Children's online survey and in class presentations

7 - Pick your favourite colour combination



Additional comments - children's survey and in class presentations

Comments from children's survey

- *I would really like a swing*
- *I hope we have a big trampoline and i hope we get that playground.*
- *I'm thinking of light blue, dark blue and purple*
- *I like to see things that are high and fast and challenging*
- *I'd like a few stuff to be a bit extreme because that's how I like it, for example, a high wide spinning donut you're able to sit on!*
- *I LOVE THIS I HOPE THIS COMES OUT SO I CAN PLAY ON IT*
- *I am very excited to see this new park hopefully it's really fun!!!!*
- *It must be very close to the school, If it is I will go there every day.*
- *Monkey roof (high monkey bars)*
- *I love parks and monkey bars*
- *I like climbing high, slides that go around and around, see saws, sandpit and monkey bars.*
- *the playground should have bridges*
- *more challenging stuff which is for big kids and small kids*
- *please make a zipline and also i feel like there should be a vest hanger for the standing spinner*
- *I am really hoping for a zipline i wil be over the top excited*
- *I think you guys should add a very high long slide*

Dandenong Primary School - 18 students

Other ideas:

- Soccer goals
- Sand
- Tunnel
- Space theme
- Basketball court
- oval

St Mary's Primary School - 36 students

Other ideas:

- Lighting for night/glow in the dark elements
- Ziplines
- Recyclable play equipment

Overall Summary of Responses

SUMMARY

Overall, there was a very high level of support from the community, especially the school students for the draft concept design proposed for the new neighbourhood playground. The majority of people agreed with the draft concept and proposed equipment. There were some excellent comments and suggestions received from the children's survey and the in-class presentations relating to the playground equipment and other ideas for the park which have been captured earlier in this report.

In summary, the key responses related to the following:

1. Playground Equipment

- Children place a high level of importance on swings, slides and different types of diverse climbing elements in a playground.
- Slides and swings are two of the most popular pieces of playground equipment.
- Spiral slides and double slides were viewed as being especially fun.
- The more variety in the type of slide, height and colour, the more fun there is !
- There was overwhelming agreement that the giant 360 degree basket swing would be a fun piece of equipment to play on.
- Activity towers that have different heights, rope bridges between sections, climbing walls and other climbing equipment and a variety of other activities are very popular.
- Obstacle style ropes provide challenging and fun play options for kids.
- Climbing elements that you can climb and rest at the top were seen as offering a high level of enjoyment.
- Slides, flexible gangways and climbing walls were all close in the votes received. Monkey bars were also popular.
- Rotating swings, where kids can sit and spin around with friends received the popular vote.
- Other rotating elements that kids can hang off and spin or a type of rotating carousel spinner were also seen as fun in a playground.
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2. Playground Colour Theme

- Green, turquoise and blue will be used as the colour theme for the playground

Post Consultation - Revised Final Concept Plan

The main themes and ideas that emerged from the school children's and community's comments to the two surveys and in the in-class presentations have provided council officers with clear direction on the design improvements and opportunities that are required to finalise the neighbourhood playground design.

As an outcome of the comments and council officer's assessment of the feasibility of the ideas, the following elements will be addressed and included in the revised final design for the playground.

These elements are:

- The inclusion of a two person rotating and bouncing spinner
- The inclusion of a cubby house and games panels for young children
- The detailed design of the activity tower will take into account the more specific elements, such as different types of slides (spiral and enclosed), rope climbing net structure, net bridges, climbing walls, interactive panels and diversity of play components.

The colour of the playground will be green, turquoise and blue.

The revised final concept plan for the playground can be viewed below and on the following page.



Legend

- ① Triple bay swing (two flat seats and single toddler seat)
- ② 360 degree basket swing
- ③ Play activity tower with elements such as:
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 - climbing walls and steps
 - tunnel
 - platform decks at different heights
 - roof covering
 - spiral enclosed slide and straight slide
 - integrated play panels such as a shop front and driving wheel etc.
 - short length overhead track ride
 - rope play
 - junior and senior level equipment
 - agility rope course
- ④ 2 person rotating and bouncing spinner
- ⑤ Group spring rocker
- ⑥ Single spring rocker
- ⑦ Cubby house with games panels

Revised Final Concept Plan - October 2022

REVISED CONCEPT DESIGN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAYGROUND

THOMAS CARROLL RESERVE 100-130 BOX STREET, DANDENONG



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