

A UNIQUE PLAYGROUND BUILT FOR CHILDREN NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

Ellerslie Primary's new junior playground delivered a play space that children would grow into. Physical challenges have been designed to extend the children as they grow, developing their abilities.

Nick Butler had planned on looking into a new playground for the junior school at Ellerslie Primary for some time as Deputy Principal. The space outside the junior school needed a revamp and it was the perfect place for a new playground.

When Nick was made Principal of the school in 2019 the playground for the junior school became a priority and he moved promptly to get the community on board.

Nick says, "I always knew a new junior playground was something we needed, and I wanted to make it happen as soon as I could. We are really lucky here to have such a fantastic and engaged community so getting parents and the Boards support was relatively easy."

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What stood out to me was that Park Supplies & Playgrounds really understood schools. They asked the right questions and were able to lead us through the playground design stages in a clear and systematic way. In short they made it really easy for us.

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With the community on board Nick and the team at school engaged with several playground companies initially but set on Park Supplies & Playgrounds fairly promptly. With the installation of the playground right outside the classrooms of the children that

would be using it, Health and Safety practices and procedures were also especially important. Park Supplies & Playgrounds have always placed a high priority on Health and Safety, and so set about the project with the utmost of care and respect for the children and teachers around the build area.

Nick says **"When installing a playground like this, or any building activity on school grounds, you have to have strong procedures for the care of children. Park Supplies & Playgrounds really understood this and were proactive in ensuring the safety of the site and the children and teachers."**

Now complete the playground is a massive hit with the children. They are excited to head out each playtime and the playground is always busy.



The playground design included a series of physical challenges for the children as well as a Castle and “Shop” area for imaginative play. The personalisation of the equipment was also a big factor in the success of the playground.

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We love the personalisation that Park Supplies achieved. This playground is our playground. There isn't another like it in the country.

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For the ground surrounding the playground the school decided on a solution from TigerTurf. The synthetic grass has a terrific look and feel, easy care and abrasion free.

It sets the site off beautifully. Nick is ecstatic.

“We have physical activities that are built into the playground that the children can grow into. The smaller kids may not be able to reach some of the activities initially, but next year, once they have grown a little, they will experience the success that comes with being able to reach that activity.”

“And the Orex spinner. Well that is the HIT of the playground. It is always being used and the kids just love it. It really was the best choice we made in terms of the playground design”.



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