Jacana School *for* Autism

YOU ARE INVITED TO...

OFFICIAL OPENING

SCHOOLS UPGRADE FUND PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Monday 19 October 2026

Time: 10.15 am

Where: Yaluk Building



Australian Government

Funded by the Australian Government under the Schools Upgrade Fund

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which Jacana School for Autism is located.

We honour their enduring connection to land, water and community, and recognise the rich cultural heritage, stories and knowledge they have shared across generations.

As we gather to celebrate the opening of our new playground and outdoor spaces, we acknowledge the importance of creating places where children can play, learn, connect and thrive.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all First Nations peoples here today.



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Welcome!

We warmly welcome you to the official opening of the Jacana School for Autism Schools Upgrade Fund Playground Project.

Thanks to the support of the Australian Government, this project has helped transform our outdoor environments into safer, more accessible and more engaging spaces that support learning, wellbeing and development for our students.

These upgraded spaces provide opportunities for play, movement, sensory regulation, social connection and outdoor learning – helping every student to explore, participate and thrive.

Thank you for being part of this special occasion.



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Order of Ceremony

10:15 am	**ARRIVAL OF GUESTS**
10:30 am	**CEREMONY COMMENCES** Entry of the Official Party
10:35-10:55 am	**FORMAL WELCOME TO COUNTRY & SMOKING CEREMONY** Local Elder Perry Wanden, Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
10:55-11:05 am	**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF OFFICIAL GUESTS** Radha Fayad, School Council President
11:05-11.15 am	**PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS** Daniel Moloney, Assistant Principal
11:15-11.20 am	**OUR JOURNEY (Visual presentation)** Mary Boutros, Safe and Well Operations Leader
11:20-11.30 am	**ADDRESS AND UNVEILING OF SCHOOL PLAQUE** Basem Abdo, Federal Member for Caldwell
11.35am	**CUTTING OF THE RIBBON/PHOTOS**
11:45 am	**TOUR OF THE NEW FACILITIES** Staff and invited guests
12:00 midday	**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS** Available following the ceremony from approximately 12:00pm

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OUR OFFICIAL GUESTS



Mr Basem Abdo MP
Federal Member for Caldwell
Australian Federal Parliament



Ms Kathleen Matthews-Ward
State Member for Broadmeadows
Victorian State Parliament

ALSO ATTENDING:

June Homtientong - Current Senior Project Officer, VSBA
Eben Rojter - NWV DE Regional Representative / Senior Provision and Planning Officer
Ms Radha Fayad - JSA School Council President
Ms Denise Clarke - Previous Capital Works Manager

Members of the School Council
Project partners, Student Leadership Team and visitors from our school community

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THE PROJECT

The application for the Commonwealth Schools Upgrade Fund (Application No. SUF2_00246) was submitted by Jacana School for Autism on 13 December 2023 as part of Round 2 of the Schools Upgrade Fund.

The project focused on upgrading and improving the safety, functionality and accessibility of the school's playground and outdoor learning spaces.

PROJECT WORKS

- Drainage improvements across three adjoining playground areas
- Replacement of deteriorated artificial grass surfaces
- Relocation of sandpits to safer locations
- Creation of a new outdoor learning area with appropriate surfacing
- Replacement of existing cyclone wire fencing with safer pool-style fencing
- Replacement of unserviceable playground equipment identified through audit processes

PROJECT INVESTMENT

Total final project cost

$884,295



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THE IMPACT

The completed works support:

- **Safer playground and outdoor learning environments**
- **Improved functionality and accessibility across outdoor spaces**
- **Renewed artificial grass surfaces and improved drainage**
- **Safer fencing and relocated sandpit areas**
- **A renewed outdoor learning area with appropriate surfacing**
- **Replacement of unserviceable playground equipment**
- **More engaging and sustainable outdoor environments for students**
- **Improved, even surfaces reduce slip, trip and fall hazards and support safer student supervision and movement across outdoor areas.**

Creating safer, more engaging and more sustainable outdoor environments for students.



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



Mr Ben Caroll
Premier of Victoria
Victorian State Parliament



The Hon Jason Clare MP
Federal Education Minister
Australian Federal Parliament

- **Mr Johnathon Lowe - NW Regional Director**
- **Mr Jason Coningsby - School Education Improvement Leader (NW)**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



Rebecca Jennings
Brand Architects



Nell Webster
Brand Architects



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Brand Architects



Rebecca Davies
VSBA-Manager



Jack Healy
Urban Initiatives
Landscape Architects &
Urban Design Consultants

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AND PROJECT OVERSIGHT



Corinne Pupillo
Principal



Daniel Moloney
Assistant Principal



Denise Clarke
Previous Capital Works Manager



Mary Boutros
Safe and Well Operations Leader / Infrastructure Manager

We also acknowledge all our of our project partners such as:

Australian Government

Bright Build Fencing

Cobolt Construction

Grimbos Building Surveyors

Tiger Turf Australia

Hillscapes

Urban Initiatives

Brand Architects

VSBA

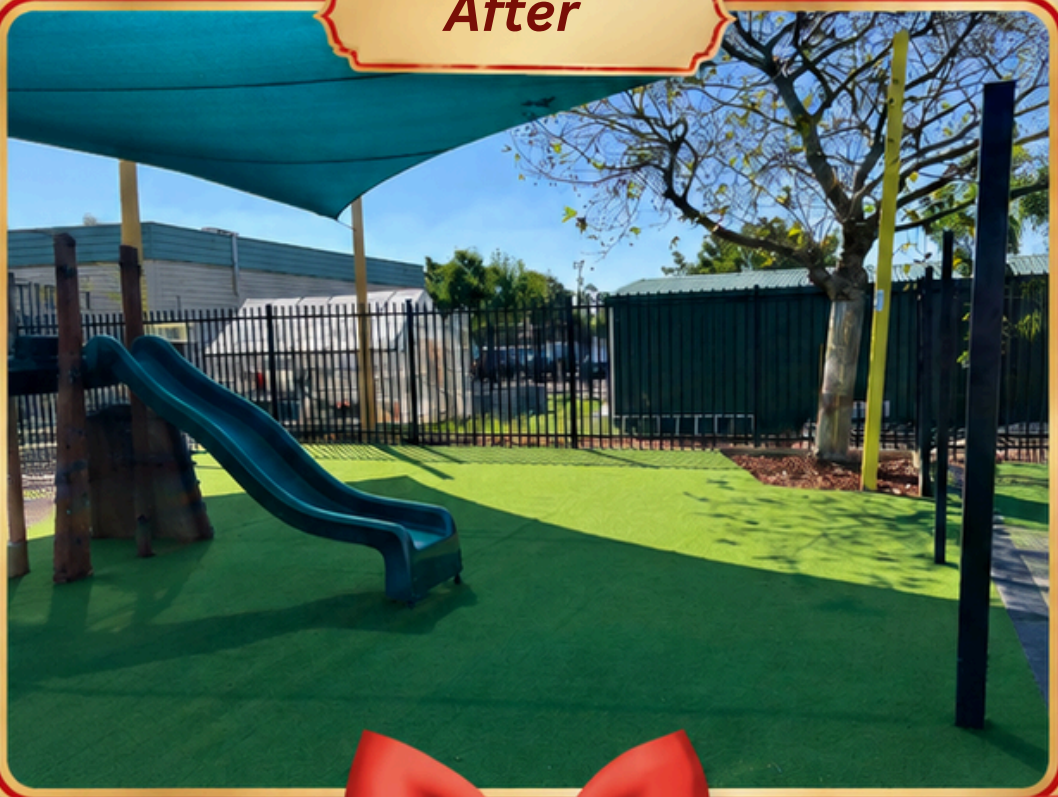
Principal Class Team **School Staff and Community** **School Council**

Playground 3

During



After

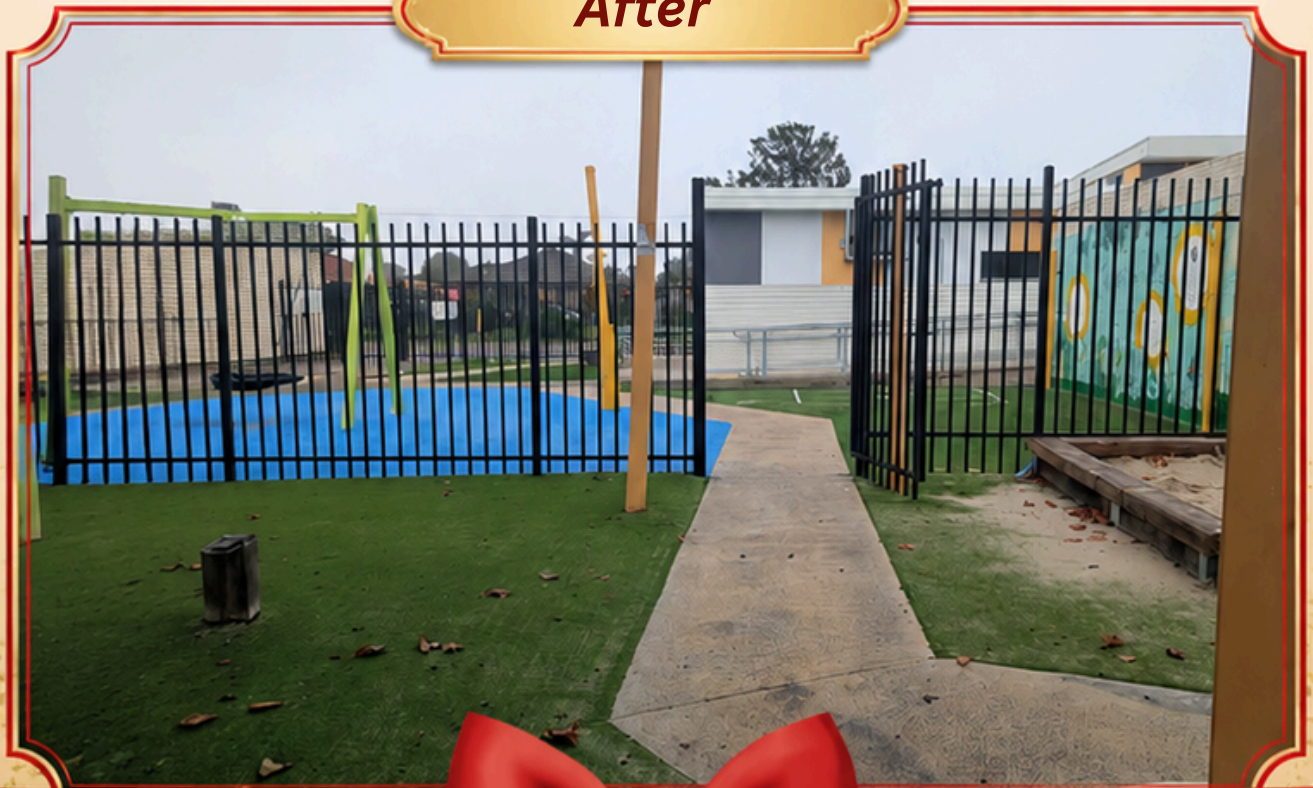


Playground 3

During



After



Playground 4

Before

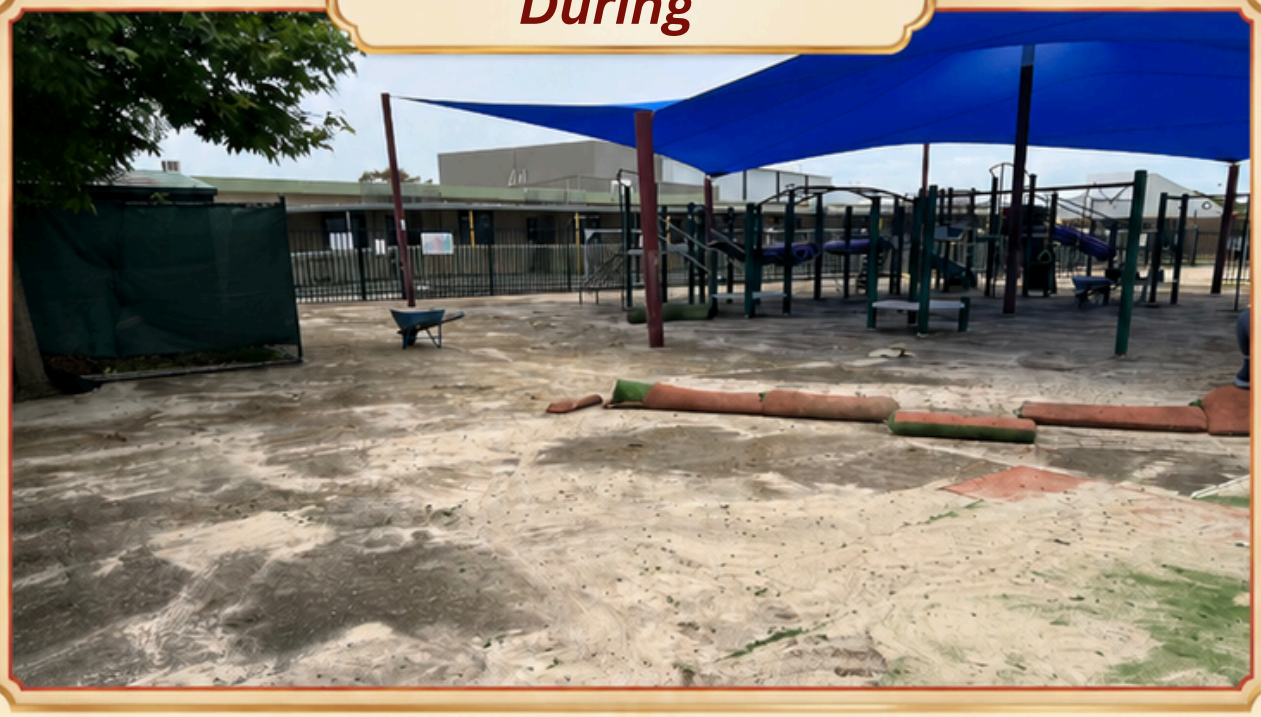


After



Playground 4

During



After



Playground 5

Before

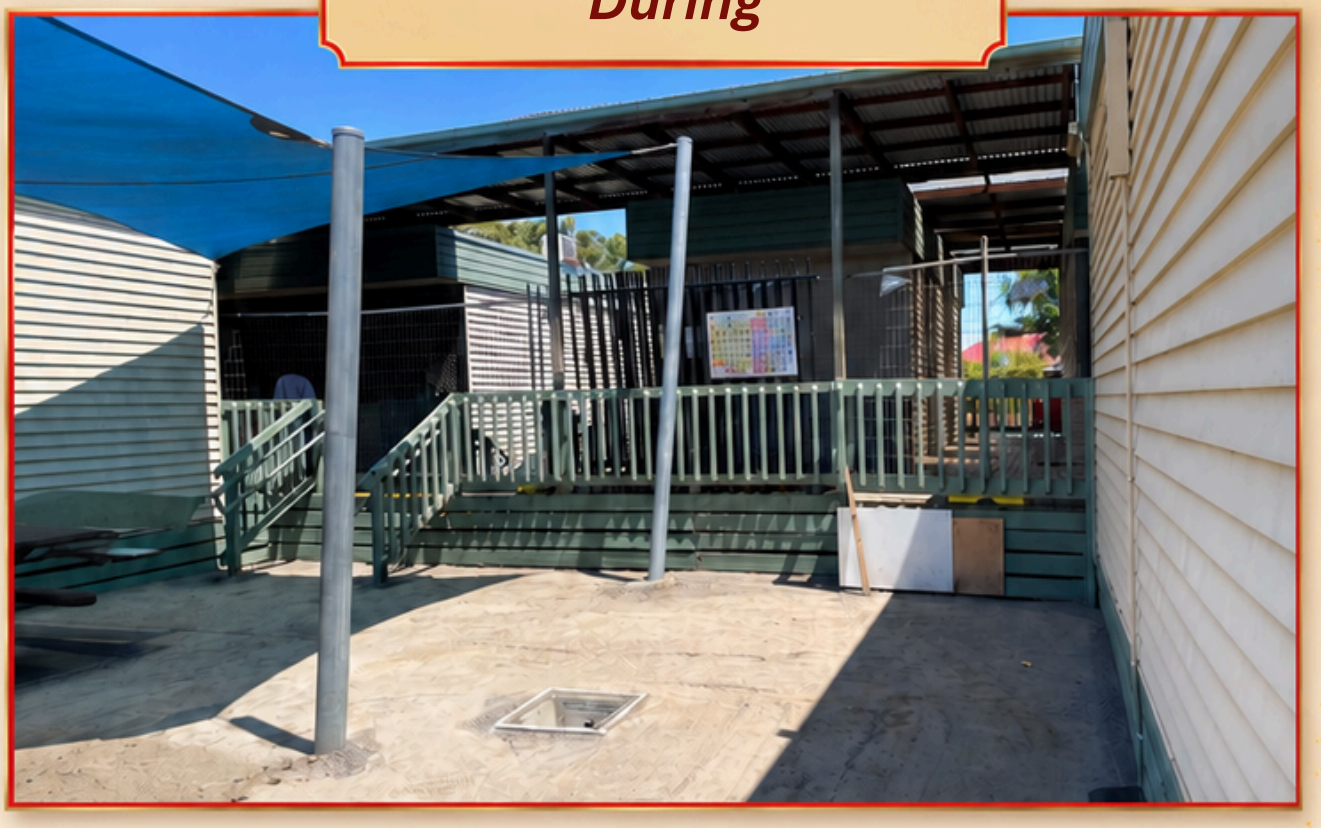


After



Courtyard

During



After

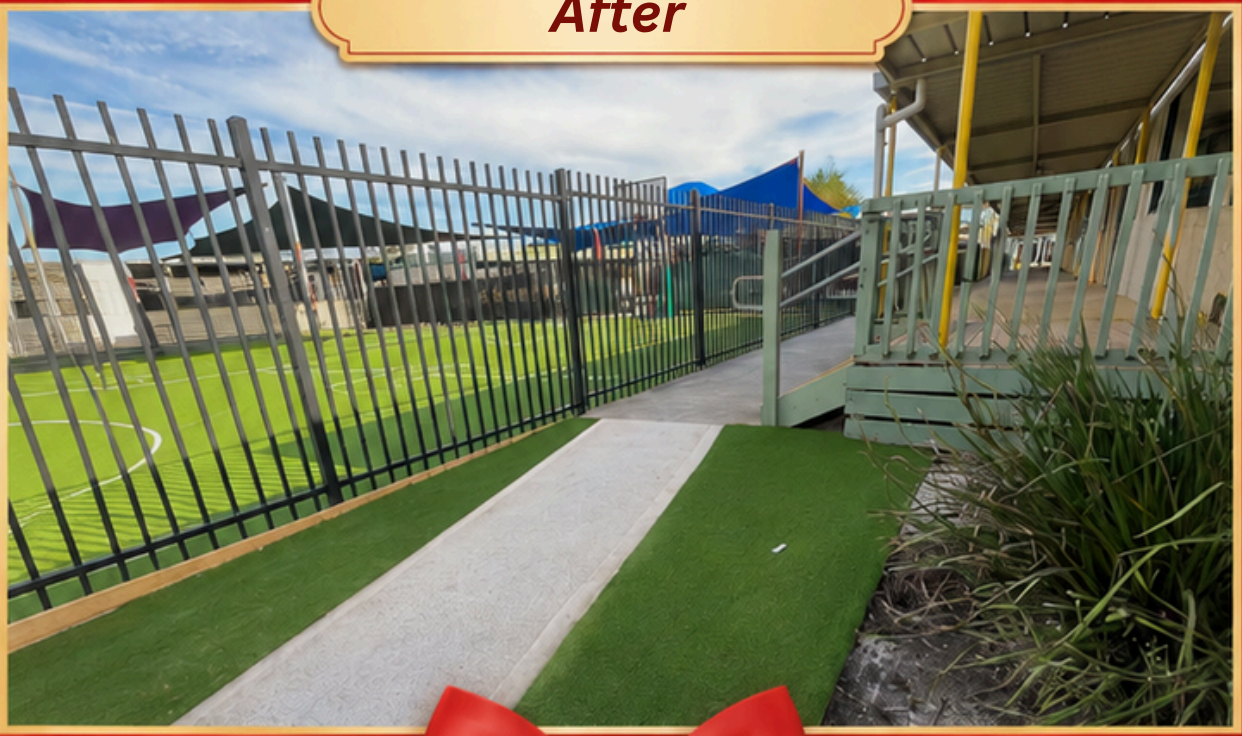


Pathways

During



After



Fences and Gates

During



After



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Creating safe, inclusive and engaging environments in which every student can learn and thrive.



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Thank you for coming.