

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and caregivers,

An Independent Public School

I understand there is some concern amongst parents regarding the removal and replacement of playground equipment, which has been raised on the Beacy Parent Facebook page. I appreciate parents coming into the office to let me know about the concerns as we do not have access to this Facebook page and were unaware that there were any issues.

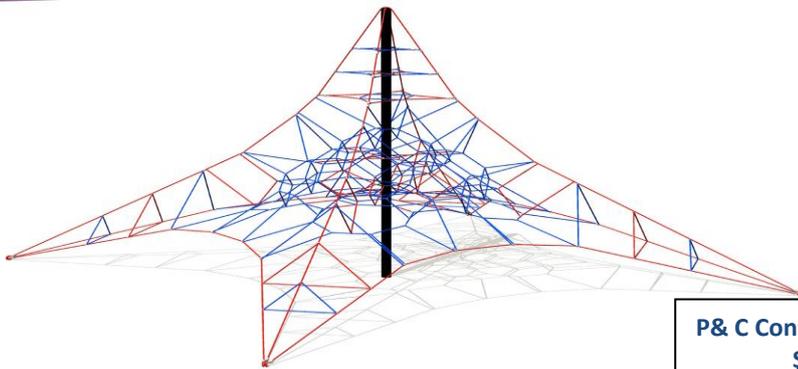
Please find attached the information provided to the School Board on Tuesday, 6 September 2016 regarding two pieces of play equipment, which unfortunately were deemed unsafe for student use. The school's preference would be to keep the old pieces of equipment but unfortunately this was not possible for student safety reasons.

Year 4 – 6 students

The Spider-net has been relocated from the Jenkins Street site to the side oval for the following reasons:

1. Landscaping costs – due to high costs; no quotes received.
2. No quotes – despite a number of companies visiting the school to quote; no quotes were received.
3. Student safety – difficult to supervise students as there is no visual line of sight from the only suitable location on Jenkins St (behind BER block and sea containers)
4. Student preference – Year 6 students are currently 'playing' on Jenkins St
5. Relocation of Year 5 & 6 classes for 2017

Activity Net 6m (FS26)
 Max Fall Height: 1800mm
 Max Equipment Height: 6000mm
 Equipment Size: 8300mm x 8300mm
 Min Fall Zone: 105m.sq
 Min Install Zone: 128m.sq



<u>Total project costs</u>	
Landscaping & site preparation	\$18,500
Equipment	\$31,359
TOTAL:	\$49,859

P& C Contribution (that may be returned to P&C*)
\$20,000
 * Scheduled to be discussed at the next P&C meeting on Wednesday, 21 September 2016. As a result in a change in venue, the school has always indicated a willingness to return the funds but have been waiting for the P&C Association to inform the school of the parent's decision regarding the funds.

Kindergarten/Pre-primary students

To replace current cubby house, this was deemed unsafe by an external inspector before I commenced at Beaconsfield PS. The school community were consulted on which piece of play equipment they preferred. The below design received the most votes.



<u>Total project costs</u>	
Equipment	\$32,421
Preparation	\$2,000
Total	\$34,421

Once again, thank you to the parents who took the time to contact me regarding the replacement of playground equipment. Your support is greatly appreciated by all school staff. Please feel welcome to drop into the office if you have any other concerns.

Kind regards Vicki Jack