# "A playspace should make us get curious

mment from a student at Eastside Lutheran College

during consultation on playground design

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BELLERIVE BEACH PARK PLAYSPACE

Spinning, climbing, sliding, racing, running, rocking, rolling, tumbling, leaping . . .

- A playground for all ages and abilities
- A safe place to explore, learn and take play risks
- A balance of formal and informal equipment
- A wild place for imagination
- A unique place for natural play
- A place to play alone or to make new friends

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# SEATING

Park seats with back and arm rests for ease of use by visitors of all ages and abilities. Free space beside seats for prams, mobility frames or wheelchairs to 'park' off the main path.

#### NATIVE PLANTING

Mix of shrubs, grasses and groundcovers to soften and green playground edges.

#### **BARRIER**

Feature timber barrier to prevent children crossing easily through swing movement zone.

#### PERIMETER FENCE -

1.2m high fence to perimeter of playground.

Four universally accessible gate entrances.

PATH TO **PICNIC PLAZA** 

GATE

#### PICNIC FACILITIES -

Existing picnic shelter sits within fenced playspace with BBQ facilities, sink and potable water, bins and picnic table settings. Suitable for small or large groups. Strong visual surveillance across playground

## LOW NATIVE PLANTING

Mix of low growing grasses and groundcovers to surrounds of picnic area to match into existing plantings.





**EXISTING** 

PICNIC

SHELTER







TIMBER FEATURE POSTS

playground fence.

Upright timber posts provide a feature element to the

KICK

**ABOUT** 

LAWN

LARGE



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PASSIVE LAWNS

(To be completed in

future stage)



BEACH





#### **KEY**

#### SAND PLAY AREA

Sand pit play area with universally accessible digger, custom designed sand play table and sand play pulleys. BYO buckets and shovels!

## **WATER PLAY AREA**

An accessible hand pump feeds water into a steel play trough and down into a concrete swale lined with river rocks and a moveable weir.

#### LITTLE SHIP

A custom timber 'ship wreck' with low slide for little kids and lots of space for imaginative play. Rubber softfall provides easy access with a low mound for climbing and tumbling. Shade structure over.

# **ACCESSIBLE CAROUSEL**

Spinning carousel set flush with ground level provides group spinning play for all children and is fully wheelchair accessible.

# **ROCKERS / SPRINGERS**

Timber rockers / spring toys for individual play.

#### **BALANCE LOGS**

Reclaimed timbers placed as stepping logs to test agility and balance.

#### LITTLE KIDS SWINGS

Small scale swings for little kids - physically separated from larger swing set yet visually connected for a sense of group/interactive play.

#### **FOUR WAY SWING**

Swing set with four seats (including one toddler seat) designed for interactive play as children swing towards the centre.

#### **BASKET SWING**

Suitable for multiple children to play together. Rubber softfall surfacing allows for all abilities access.

#### **MAZE / FORT IMAGINATION PLAY ZONE**

A series of low sandstone blockwork walls beneath existing Eucalypts elude to a ruined castle/fort/maze and allows children to explore, role play and create play circuits. Walls are low enough to ensure clear sight lines for parents but high enough for small children to experience a sense of enclosure and 'hiding'. Play features include two raised deck 'forts' and talk tubes for long distance communication! Compacted gravel surfacing maintains a soft and natural surface beneath the trees and allows for access for all.

## **DRY CREEK BED PLAY ZONE**

A shallow swale with river rocks, soft grass planting, boulders and trees creates a natural zone for imagination play and exploring. Placed boulders allow children to balance across the 'creek' and connects adjacent playspaces. (Note: Creek bed does not contain water)

#### LOG CLIMBING PYRAMID

A timber structure for climbing, hiding, exploring and group play.

#### SENSORY PATH

A concrete footpath with various colours, textures, patterns and finishes for small wheels, feet and eyes to explore.

#### **CLOUD GAZING LAWN**

Open lawn area for picnics, parents, passive play and perhaps even cloud or star gazing.

## **SKYTOWER**

A custom designed 'Skytower' with three slides, two tall towers and a connecting rope bridge! A variety of play opportunities for big kids, little kids and all abilities. Includes ramped access to an accessible slide and various play panels, lookouts and platforms. Shade sail over open slide.

Concrete footpath to full perimeter of playspace creates an accessible circuit for all abilities and ages. All abilities equipment is connected to the loop path via footpaths, pavements or rubber softfall. Seating options are set along perimeter to provide frequent passive surveillance positions for parents/carers. Path is suitable for small bikes and scooters.

# **FALLEN LOG**

The trunk of a Eucalyptus tree from the park that was damaged in a storm gets a new life as a play structure for balancing, climbing and exploring.

# **MUSICAL BRIDGE**

Timber bridge with bells for musical feet and wheels.























NOTE: Equipment items and playground layout may vary slightly from images - indicative only.