

St Joseph's Education Board

2020 Annual General Meeting

Board Committee Report

Fiona Ehmer, Mary Kearney - Play Space Upgrade and Renewal

Together with the school building, the outside play areas create a welcoming atmosphere that encourages imagination, creativity and community at Saint Joseph's Northcote. Although 2020 has proved to be a challenging year we have continued to improve and upgrade our facilities to ensure we are catering to the diverse needs of our students.

Objective for the project/committee

- Complete Backyard renovation.
- Establish transitional area
- Clean up and utilise the Secret Garden Area.
- Maintenance of Adventure Playground
- Maintain garden beds
- Repair cracks in the Basketball Court

What has been completed in 2020 (include key products/deliverables)

- Backyard renovation completed: demolition of existing structures, completing of new sand pit and concreted platforms, soft fall paths, garden landscaping.
- Transitional area for Juniors northern pathways to back yard: Basketball Ring (appropriate size)
- New slide installed in the Adventure Playground
- Blue padding pole protection has been installed around the Adventure playground.
- General clean-up of the Secret Garden area and various toys / activities accessible in this area.
- All outside play areas fumigated for spiders in October 2020
- Eastern Façade of the school building painted.
- Saint Joseph's moto: *'Every child matters and every moment counts'* Lettering displayed on the Main Entrance of the School.
- Decorative front gate installed James St Entrance.
- Additional wall art outside of the staffroom area facing the front yard.

What has not been completed in 2020

- Working Bee beautification of the Secret Garden area
- Working Bee for front yard garden beds
- Repairing of the Basketball Court

Additional information

- Due to Covid19 regulations – no volunteers were allowed on the school premises to help with the general maintenance – Working Bees etc.