Re: Creating an engaging and adaptable space to energise students, teachers and the community.
Well-designed learning spaces inspire creative, productive and efficient learning.

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Dalkeith Primary School aims to provide the best possible learning environment for our students to enhance learning, enjoyment at school and attain positive educational outcomes.

As you know, the School has been very proactive in instigating a 1:1 I-Pad program. Technology is one way of enhancing learning – providing inspiring learning spaces is another. With this in mind, the School has identified an area which - I’m sure you will agree - is in need of a much needed upgrade and renovation.

The area identified is the “old indoor assembly area” that is the centre space for the middle and upper primary classes. It is earmarked for transformation into a modern, multi-purpose, dynamic and flexible learning space.

A sub-committee of the School Board, which focuses on School Buildings & Grounds, along with parents from the school community who have design, architectural and building qualifications and experience, have joined together to assist in developing the best possible design and learning space for this area.

Maximising student learning and performance is at the heart of our decisions regarding the design of this learning space.

In collaboration with the P&C, School Board, staff and parents, we are launching a dedicated Building Fund to help us transform this area into a multi-functional space as quickly as practicable.

Donations to the Building Fund are tax deductible. The school will issue a tax receipt for all donations received. All funds will go directly to transforming this space into a flexible and modern learning area.

The specific outcomes we look forward to achieving through this project are:

- Active and interactive participation
- Collaborative project work
- Information retrieval and sharing
- Discussion and presentation
- Production of new knowledge
- Teacher and student-led activities
- Personalised learning

The revitalised learning space will allow for all these things. It will be welcoming, stimulating, comfortable and fun! It will make use of natural light, creative colours, textures and patterns as well as house a variety of formal and informal furniture and range of technologies. There will be two distinct areas for teaching and learning to allow more than one class to access the space at once.
More specifically, the plan incorporates the following upgrades:

- replace the roller doors at the back of the space with glass bi-fold windows to allow natural light and ventilation
- re-carpet the area with contrasting coloured squares to demarcate differing learning areas
- paint the area to lift and refresh
- source furniture which is both fun and functional
- provide specific IT capabilities
- create specific areas for identified student-teacher one-on-one explicit teaching

This is a very exciting project which will benefit our students now and in the future.

We hope you will support our Building Fund so we can develop this dynamic area and improve the learning environment for our students. All funds will go directly to renovating this space.

Please find attached a donation slip, which we hope you will action.

An artist’s impression of the renovation will be placed on a pin up board on the verandah. You will see the improvements as they happen, however, we will endeavour to keep you regularly updated on plans and progress as the renovated area takes shape.

Thank you for your support of this exciting and valuable project!

Kind regards,

Suzanne Pekin
Principal

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Thank you

*Your gift will help us transform our old undercover area*

Yes, I would like to make a tax deductible donation of $_______

☐ Please debit my:  ☐ Mastercard  ☐ Visa     Expiry: __/___

Card Number:  ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________

Cardholder Name: ________________________________

OR

☐ Please find enclosed my cheque payable to: Dalkeith Primary School Building Fund

OR

☐ Direct Credit Transfer to: BSB: 066040 Account Number: 19904920