

Cairnlea Park Primary School, VIC Multiple Recreation Areas

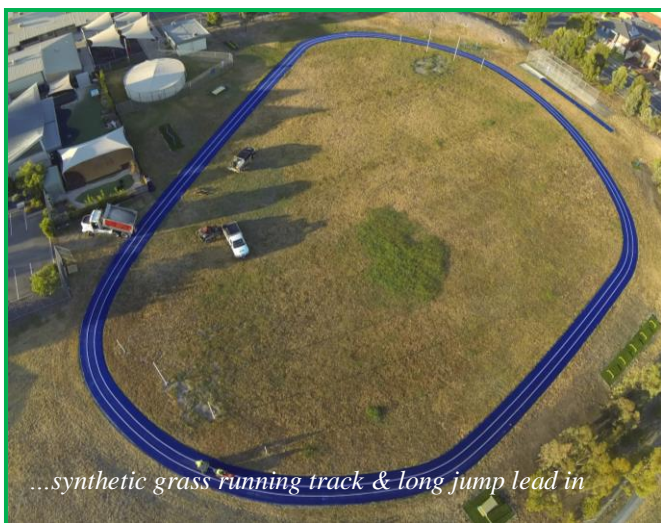


Mark Mills, Assistant School Principal had this to say:

"The playground area was just not 'kid friendly'. It was dusty and dirty and nothing grew. We were having issues with the students throwing stones but since installing the new grass, there are no stones and so this is no longer a problem.

***There has definitely been safety benefits and this project has been a really good experience for the school.** Gecko has been able to provide us a safer place for the children. They are no longer falling onto dirt but instead they sit and lay and roll in a much friendlier environment.*

Gecko was great and they knew their product which gave us confidence and this is really important!



Cairnlea Park Primary School is located in Melbourne's North West Suburbs and accommodates over 880 students. A progressive and forward thinking school, Cairnlea strives to encourage every child to achieve their *'best, always'* by supporting them through a continual journey of student engagement and well being.

Due to the combined effects of high traffic and prolonged dry weather, the playground areas of the school were not meeting the **'safe environment'** ideals laid out in their Student Welfare Policy. The children were playing on a hard, compacted and uninviting surface and to compound issues further the ground was constantly littered with stones and rocks that would work their way to the surface and which the children were prone to picking up and throwing.



After seeing **Gecko Surfacing** products in another school, Cairnlea Park PS contacted Gecko for an appraisal and subsequently engaged us to install multiple play areas throughout the school.

Several major projects have since been completed which not only contribute to the ongoing safety of students but also provide an engaging sensory environment that is pleasing to both the eye and to the touch.

MSPro® 19mm was used to construct the synthetic grass running track and long jump lead in area; several areas were landscaped with **Gecko MSPro® 45mm Premium Synthetic Grass** and provide lush and inviting common areas for students and staff to relax and unwind and; the **Gecko Soft-Fall Playground System™** provides 24/7 safety and vibrant colour to the once lifeless adventure playground area.

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