

## Findon Primary School, Vic Passive area & Soccer Pitch



Like many schools in recent times **Findon Primary School** received funding from the BER program which enabled the school to improve its' building facilities.

During the building works, areas within the school grounds had been destroyed from heavy vehicle access and general construction movements.

Consequently, this left behind dirt and mud surfaces which were unsafe and unusable for students.

The school had some experience with synthetic grass in the past and knew this was the solution for the problem areas. After some research Gecko was contacted and worked with the school to develop a concept design that would satisfy all requirements and return the school grounds into functional areas.

### Angelika Ireland school principal had this to say

*"My experience with Gecko was excellent, they were mindful of student safety and never hesitated to help.*

*Our new soccer ground is fabulous and the passive area with the chessboard is more sensational than I expected*

*. . . . . the children are excited at break times and run from the classroom to these new areas.*

*Often now when I walk past the passive area the children have taken their shoes off and are lying on the grass . . .*

*. . . this new area links the portables in the top area with the new building and has created a tremendous new space".*



A new 750sq.m synthetic grass soccer pitch was built in the existing area of the natural grass pitch which had been damaged during construction works. At break times this area is flooded by students who can play all year round with out making worn, muddy spots.

Between the portable classrooms a chessboard and passive area was created which encompasses the surrounding buildings & garden. The chessboard provides a passive activity which has proven to be extremely popular with the students.

This project is a fantastic example of the satisfaction of Gecko's MS Pro@45 synthetic grass.



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