



Perry Mills
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New campus landscape for special school



Project Specs

Client: Hume Valley School / Victorian Schools Building Authority

Location: Dallas, Victoria

Date: Construction completed 2021

Budget: \$350k

Role: Concept design, contract documentation and administration

Our Approach

The school was able to secure VSBA funding to construct a new campus, and required a landscape that complemented the priority they place on outdoor learning.

Although the new campus features relocatable buildings and is notionally 'temporary' it was recognised that landscaping needed to be fully developed and well funded.

PM&A Landscape Architects were asked to be involved, and approached the brief with a focus on creating a playful landscape with a higher degree of design detailing than is often found in primary schools. Elements such as outdoor teaching areas, a rebound wall, sandpits and productive garden areas surround a grove of paperbark trees and climbing frames.

A variety of hard and soft surfaces including sleepers, stone steppers, mulch, gravel, lawn, rubber and concrete have been used to provide challenge and variety, and dense groves of trees create shelter and enclosure to cater for small groups to chat as well as for active ball play.



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To whom it may concern,

This is a reference in support of Perry Mills from Perry Mills & Associates Landscape Architecture - Landscape Design.

Perry was contracted in 2020 to develop a landscaping brief and design for a new primary campus of our school. Hume Valley School is a special school catering for students with mild intellectual disabilities and associated disabilities and impairments. Our primary campus comprised of seven Modular 5 relocatable buildings co-located on the site of Dallas Brooks Community Primary School.

Perry consulted widely with DET and VSBA personnel, architects, landscape companies and school staff in developing the landscape design.

Through extensive consultation he was able to understand the educational, physical, sensory and recreational needs of our students and to develop a design which reflected and responded to those needs.

Throughout the design and construction phase, Perry regularly consulted with school personnel seeking feedback, monitoring and evaluating the progress of the landscaping.

I am pleased to recommend Perry Mills to you for his outstanding landscape architecture and design expertise.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Diane Bassett'.

Diane Bassett
Principal

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Achieving Potential Together



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