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Playground caters for disabilities

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A NEW playground at Madison Park Primary School will become a key part of the curriculum for the school's disability unit.

The structure, built with a \$47,000 grant from Variety and named "The Jungle" in a school-wide naming competition, will aid 24 children with various learning and physical conditions, teaching them important social skills and helping with sensory needs.

Disability unit co-ordinator David Brown says each element of the playground caters to the students.

"The lower platform is designed for children with limited motor skills, and the higher platform is for the kids who need a lot of stimulation," Mr Brown says.

"Eventually we're going to do a learning project based on the name The Jungle, and grow plants."

Grade 4 student Harry, who has an intellectual disability and motor neurone disease, says his favourite part of the playground is the bridge.



Madison Park Primary School students Harry, 11, and Mia, 7, check out the new playground.

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