



City Centre Playground

CONTEXT

The City of Sydney is proposing a new playground at Cook and Phillip Park. The playground will be an inclusive place in the CBD and will provide an exciting and enriching place for everyone to enjoy. The playground will be a safe, playful and educational space where children are encouraged to be physically active and explore their environment. Opportunities for a diverse and challenging range of play experiences—dynamic, exploratory, social and imaginative, are being explored. The current concept includes sand play, slides, climbing nets, balance beams, stepping stones, swings, a dry creek bed and cubby houses. There will also be plants, an open lawn, amenities, shaded areas and seating in the playground.

DESIGN PRINCIPLES

Social & Inclusive

The new playground will be a place for everyone to come together through play. It will be an inclusive space for children to get active, take risks, and learn from each other in large or small groups.

Sustainable

The playground will be a place for children to be excited and curious about nature, encouraging the next generation of advocates for the environment. New and retained plants and trees, as well as water sensitive urban design principles, will improve the ecological value of the existing park.

Educational

Opportunities for formal and informal learning experiences will be scattered throughout. A variety of themes are explored, from indigenous heritage, ecological and geological themes as well as colonial history.

Sustains Interest

The playground will include a range of equipment-based play elements and less structured play spaces, creating opportunities for a wide variety of games and experiences to occur within the playground. This will ensure that children are excited about returning to the playground again and again.

Context Plan



Existing Site



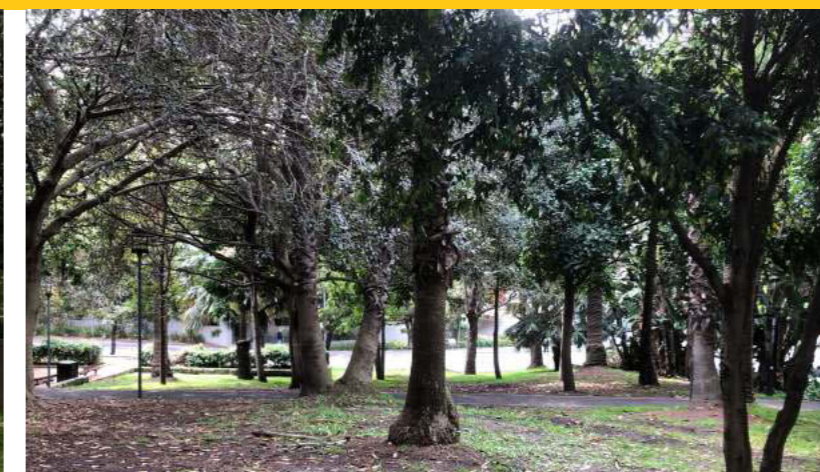
Looking west, towards the existing large fig and swimming pool



Looking west, towards the existing large fig, swimming pool and city skyline



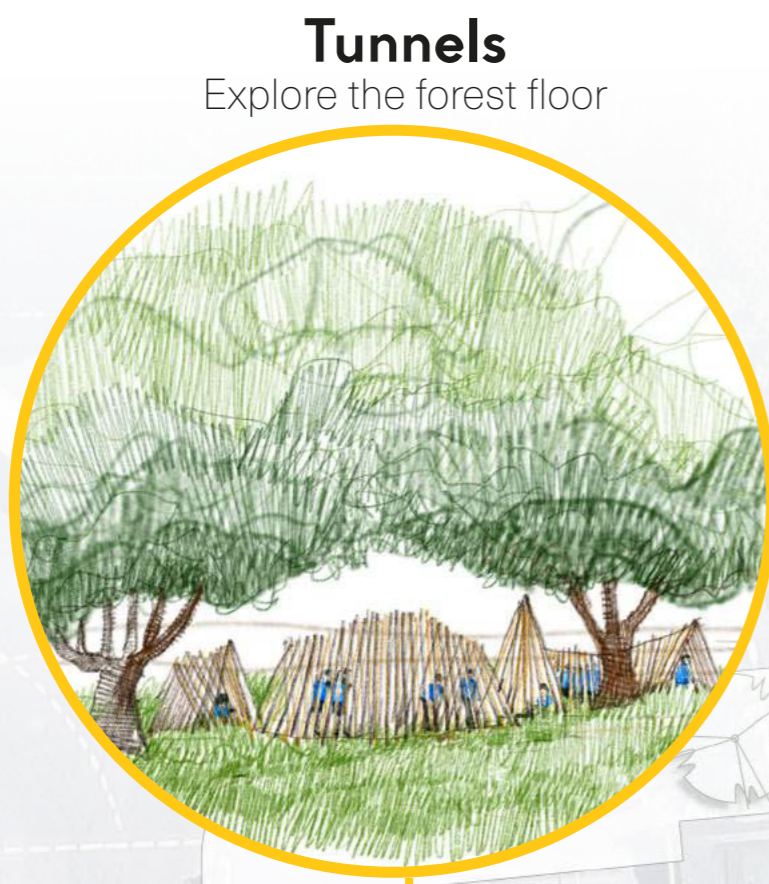
Looking north, towards the existing concrete wall and the cathedral



Standing beneath the existing tree canopy, looking down towards Yurong Parkway



Looking at the base of the existing fig tree



Tunnels
Explore the forest floor



Sand Play
Bury and build!



Slide
Large group slides for all



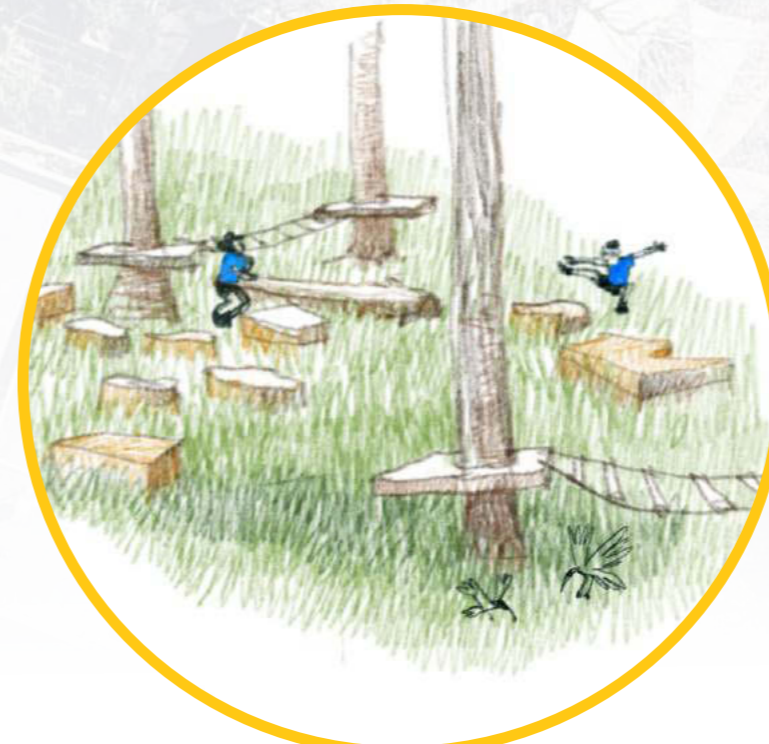
Picnic Area
A place to picnic and relax with friends or family



Sharing Circle
For storytelling and performances



Dry Creek Bed
Hop, skip, and jump across!



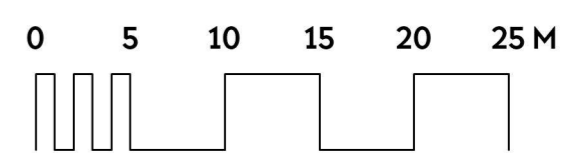
Balance
A timber boardwalk over reeds, rocks and stepping stones



Climb up high
Climb up to cubbies for the best view of the park!

WILLIAM STREET

40'40"



Key

- 1 Nature play beneath existing tree canopies
- 2 Sandpits, including accessible raised sandpits
- 3 Terraced seating for families and groups
- 4 Open lawn and new shade trees
- 5 Group slides
- 6 Group basket swings

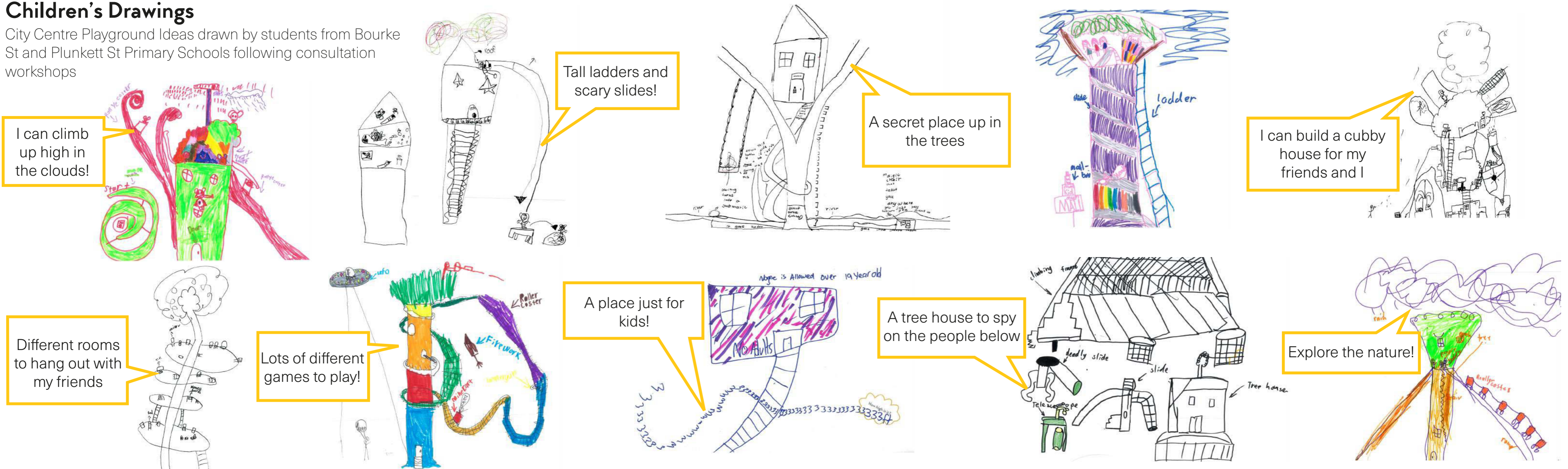
- 7 Raised cubbies with tube slides, firemans poles and climbing ropes
- 8 Terraced mounds with sensory planting and tunnels below
- 9 Climbing ropes and grips on existing mounding
- 10 Raised timber boardwalk
- 11 Balancing branches, logs and stones in planting
- 12 Planted dry creek bed

- 13 Wide, wheel-chair accessible ramped pathway
- 14 Child-safe fence to entire playground perimeter
- 15 Playground amenities
- E Playground entry with child-safe gate



Children's Drawings

City Centre Playground Ideas drawn by students from Bourke St and Plunkett St Primary Schools following consultation workshops



Planting Palette



Material Palette

