



# Dapto Mall donates playground to Peterborough School

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**12 May 2019:** With a brand new play area coming soon to Level One, Dapto Mall is proudly donating the current playground to the Peterborough School, as refurbishment of the upper level reaches the half way point.

Peterborough School caters to the needs of students with special needs from Kindergarten to Year 12. Principal Susanne Corkery says, as many of the students at Peterborough School have sensory processing disorders, the creation of a safe and fun environment will provide opportunities for children to actively use their senses as they play and explore.

“Sensory play is an important part of childhood development. The space will be used by individual students who need time to themselves or by small groups of students who are learning new skills. Students will also have the opportunity to develop gross motor skills in a safe environment. They will be able to learn to climb, to crawl, to navigate mazes and most of all have fun.

Ms Corkery continues: “Without the support of Dapto Mall in the donation of the playground none of this would be possible. Thank you on behalf of the students, staff and families of Peterborough School.”

**Dapto Mall Centre Manager, Glenn Cochrane says:** “Donating the playground to the Peterborough School is an opportunity for Dapto Mall to give back to the community, something we do on an ongoing basis. We are thrilled it will make such a big, positive difference to the students who attend the school.”

In March, Dapto Mall announced a \$3.5 million refurbishment of the upper level of the centre, to improve the shopping experience for both present and future customers. The upgrade is due for completion in mid-2019 and focuses on the Food Court, with a concept designed to bring “the outdoors within”.

A new state-of-the-art playground which caters for both older children and toddlers will be installed and is due for completion in early July. The design is dynamic, interactive and allows for imaginative play, so parents can supervise whilst enjoying a relaxing and comfortable seating area.

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**Mr Cochrane comments:** “We are really excited to be able to provide our customers with a beautifully designed and dynamic play area for their children. This second stage of the project, once completed, will bring to life the overall vision for Level One.”

Further updates will be provided as this exciting project progresses. For more information visit <https://www.daptomall.com.au>.

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### **About Dapto Mall**

Dapto Mall is a vibrant sub regional shopping centre located in the heart of Dapto, nestled amongst tranquil scenes and rolling hills in the fast-growing southern suburbs of the Illawarra.

Built in 1987, Dapto Mall prides itself as a community centre and over the years has expanded into the retail hub it is today, offering over 60 specialty stores plus Australia Post, Coles, Woolworths and Big W. Dapto Mall strives to be the effortless choice for daily essentials and has your everyday needs covered with easy, convenient shopping in one location and free undercover parking with over 1,000 spaces for all weather comfort.

Dapto Mall is managed by AMP Capital on behalf of the owner UniSuper.

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