



## **Northland School's new playground – 100% fun**

### **Our vision**

1. The design will celebrate the special nature of the Northland environment – wind, movement, energy, hills, views and the beautiful native bush.
2. New play structures will be multi-use. They will be built of quality, renewable, materials and be durable – built to last 30 years+
3. The design will encourage risk taking in a safe environment, particularly for senior students, who are not well served by current play areas and equipment. It will include 'rite of passage' equipment with increasing levels of challenge and perceived risk.
4. The playground will cater for different kinds of activities – especially climbing, sliding and swinging. It will also provide opportunities for imaginative games, tag, creative play and quiet areas for sitting and talking.
5. It will incorporate height and have the 'wow' factor, for example a giant climbing frame or slide. It will have a strong identity and include a potential environmental focus, such as energy generation or kinetics.
6. The playground will act as a focal point for the Northland community and will be open for use after school, at the weekends and in the holidays. It will be built in partnership with the local community.

### **Next steps**

1. Consult parents, students, teachers, and finalise the vision (DONE)
2. Launch major playground fundraising appeal (August).
3. Invite playground designers to submit proposals and select winning designer (August/September).
4. Consult on the concept plans (Term 4 TBC).
5. Developed designs with costings submitted (February 2015)
6. Apply for charitable grants (early 2015).
7. Build it. Play on it!