Playgrounds & childcare

Designing successful playgrounds and childcare landscapes is a specialist area requiring knowledge of children’s behaviour, patterns of play, child development and physical activity requirements, as well as a thorough knowledge of current safety standards.

Scenic Landscape Architecture combines this knowledge with skill in providing delightful landscapes for children and staff. We design for safety and ease of supervision while creating places for fun, social interaction and fitness. Ease of maintenance, quality detailing and durability of the landscape asset are also considered.

Deb Matthews has designed over 40 playgrounds and over 10 preschools and childcare centres including:

- Gungahlin Child and Family Centre
- Palmerston Community Hall

Photos (top to bottom): Entry, sandpit and children’s seating nook at Palmerston Community Hall (three photos) - Deb Matthews 2005; Russell Early Childhood Centre, Russell Hill - Deb Matthews, DSB 2005.