



Regenerating Northcote *with help from local **students***

Students from Northcote Intermediate School have been actively involved in the design process for Northcote's new community hub and upgrade of the neighbouring Puāwai Cadness Reserve.

In May 2024, the Eke Panuku design team presented key elements of these projects to students in rooms 1 and 2 to gather ideas, input and feedback on the proposed design.

These students have also been thinking about the urban regeneration of Northcote Town Centre, as part of their inquiry projects. This has included looking at some of the other improvements planned for the area.

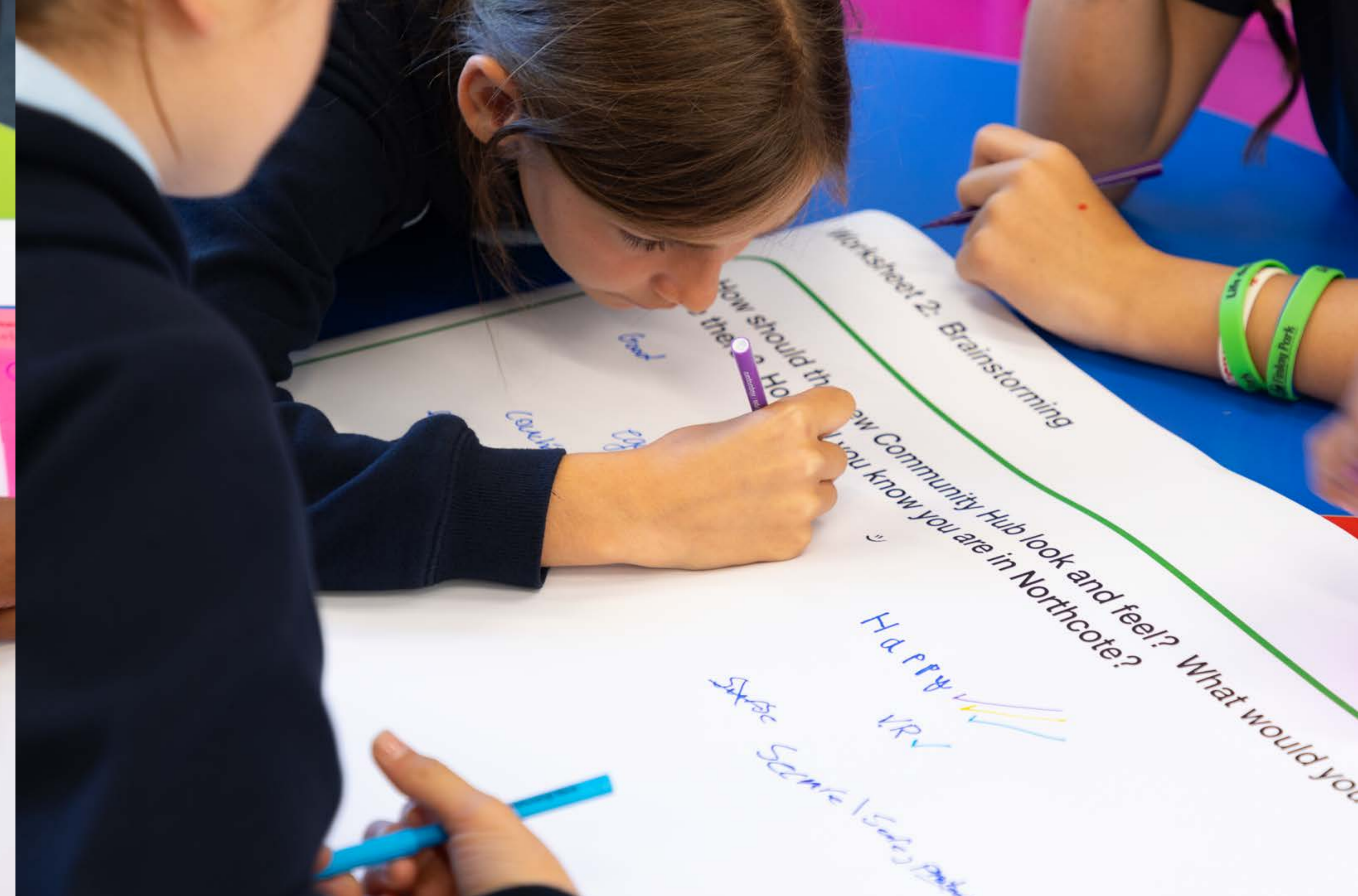
There's lots of exciting changes planned. These will help ensure the town centre continues to be the beating heart of the Northcote community.

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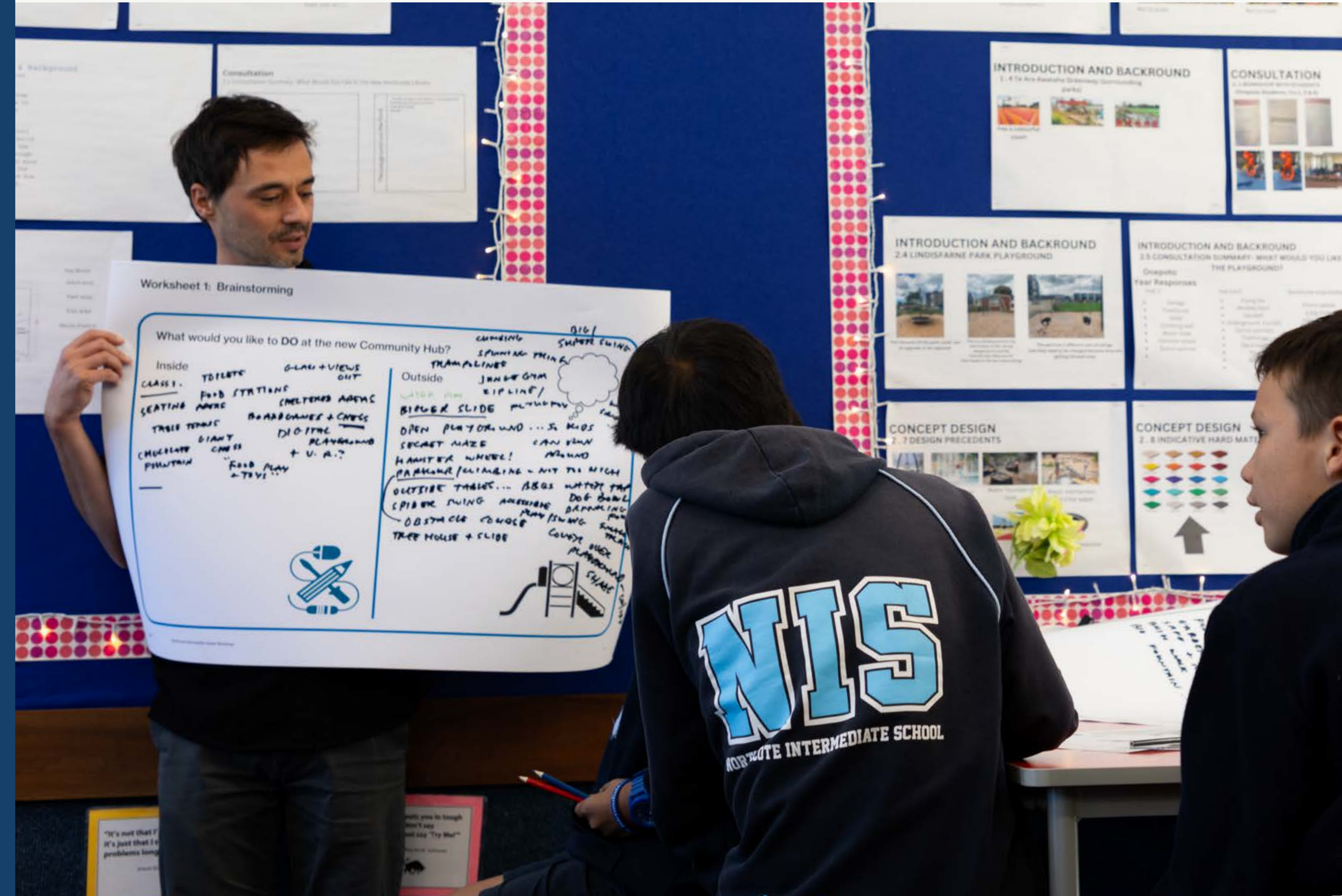
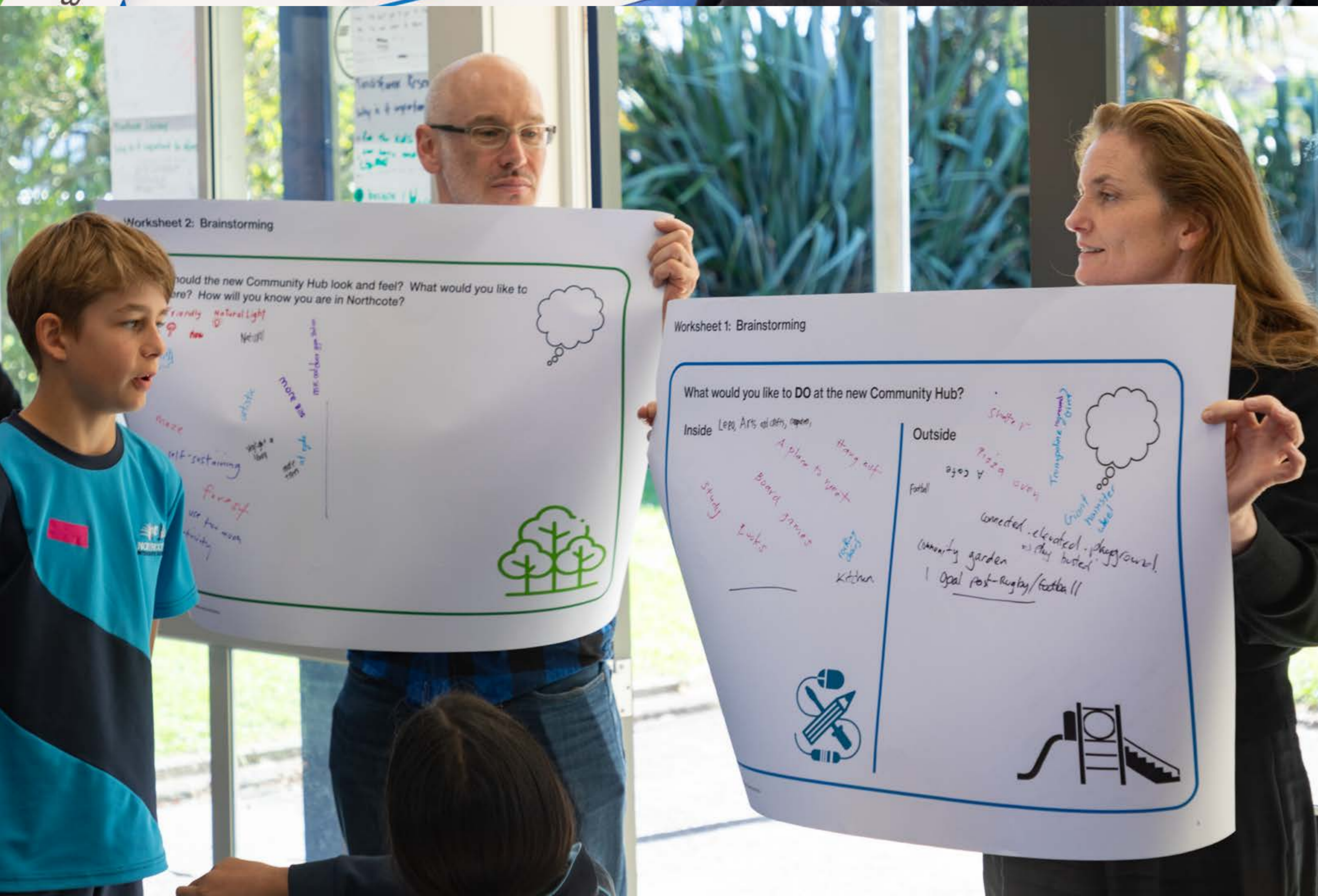
As part of gathering input and ideas for the design process for the new community hub and Puāwai Cadness Reserve, Rooms 1 and 2 from Northcote Intermediate School took part in a workshop with the design team.

A series of questions were posed to the students to spark discussion and ideas.

Questions

- Q. What would you like to do at the new community hub, both inside and outside?
- Q. How should the new community hub look and feel?
- Q. What would you like to see there?
- Q. How will you know you are in Northcote?
- Q. What would you like the play area to have?

It was wonderful to see the students' energy, enthusiasm and wealth of ideas! You can see this captured in the photos.



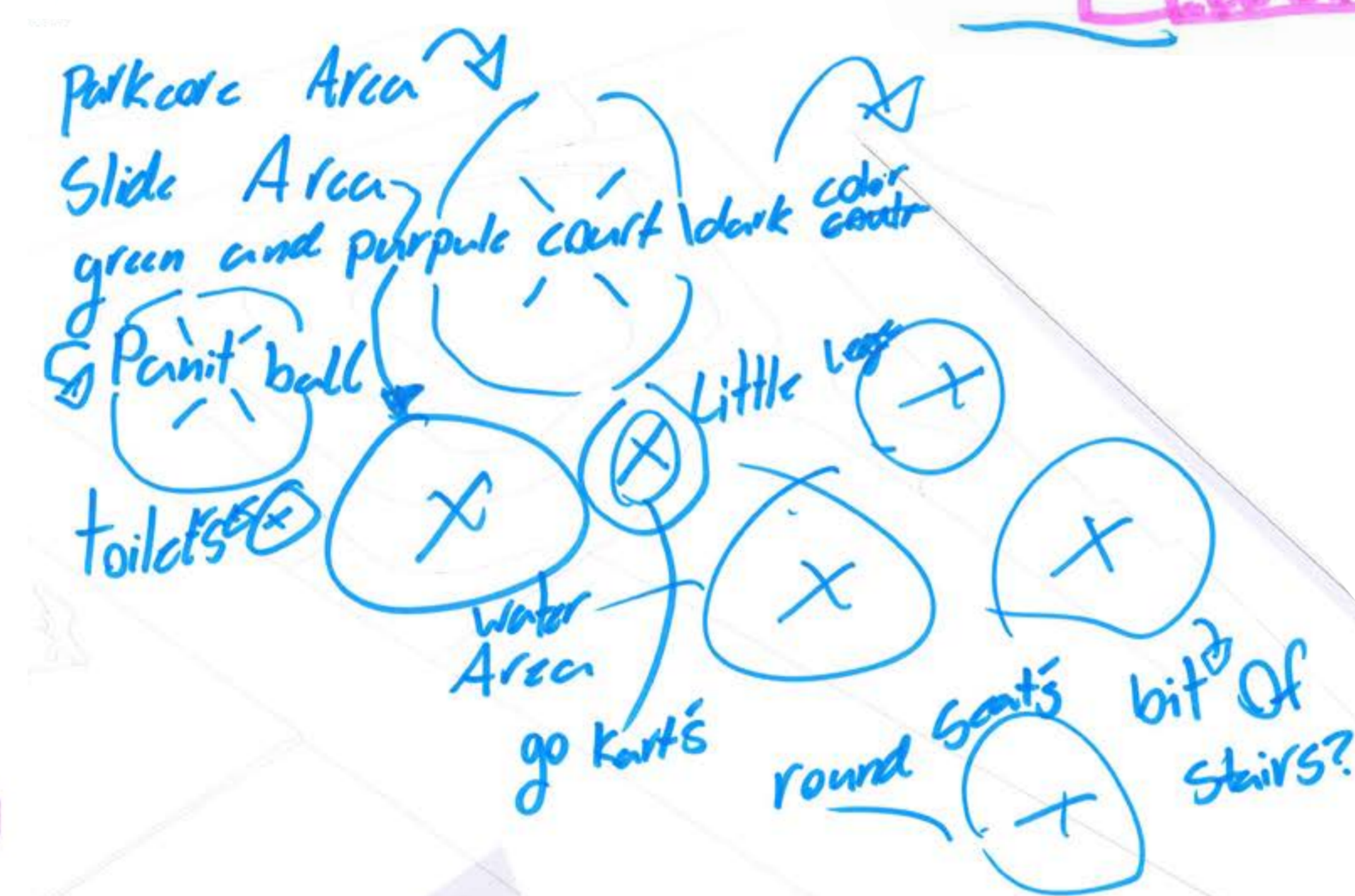
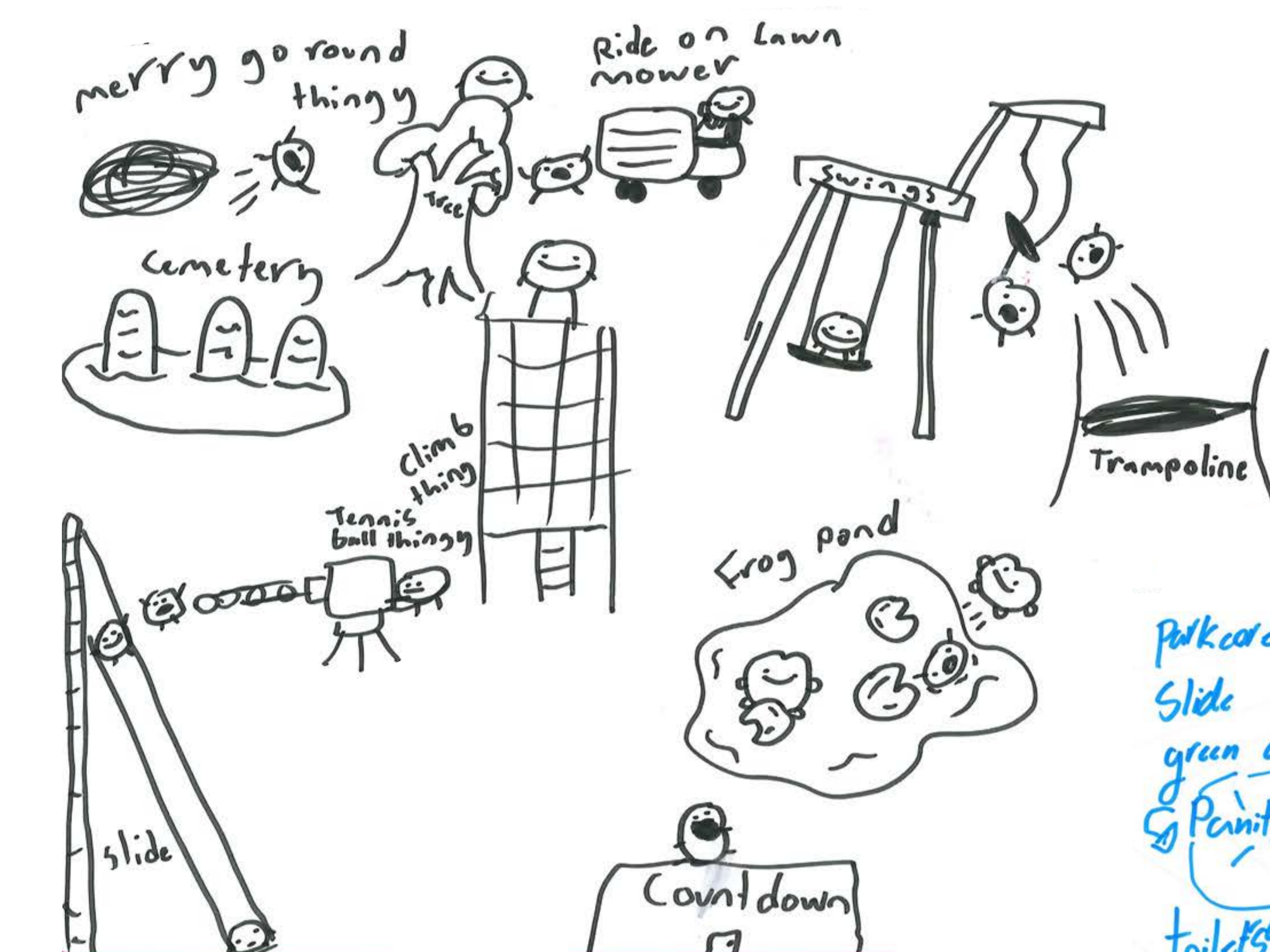
Designs and input from students

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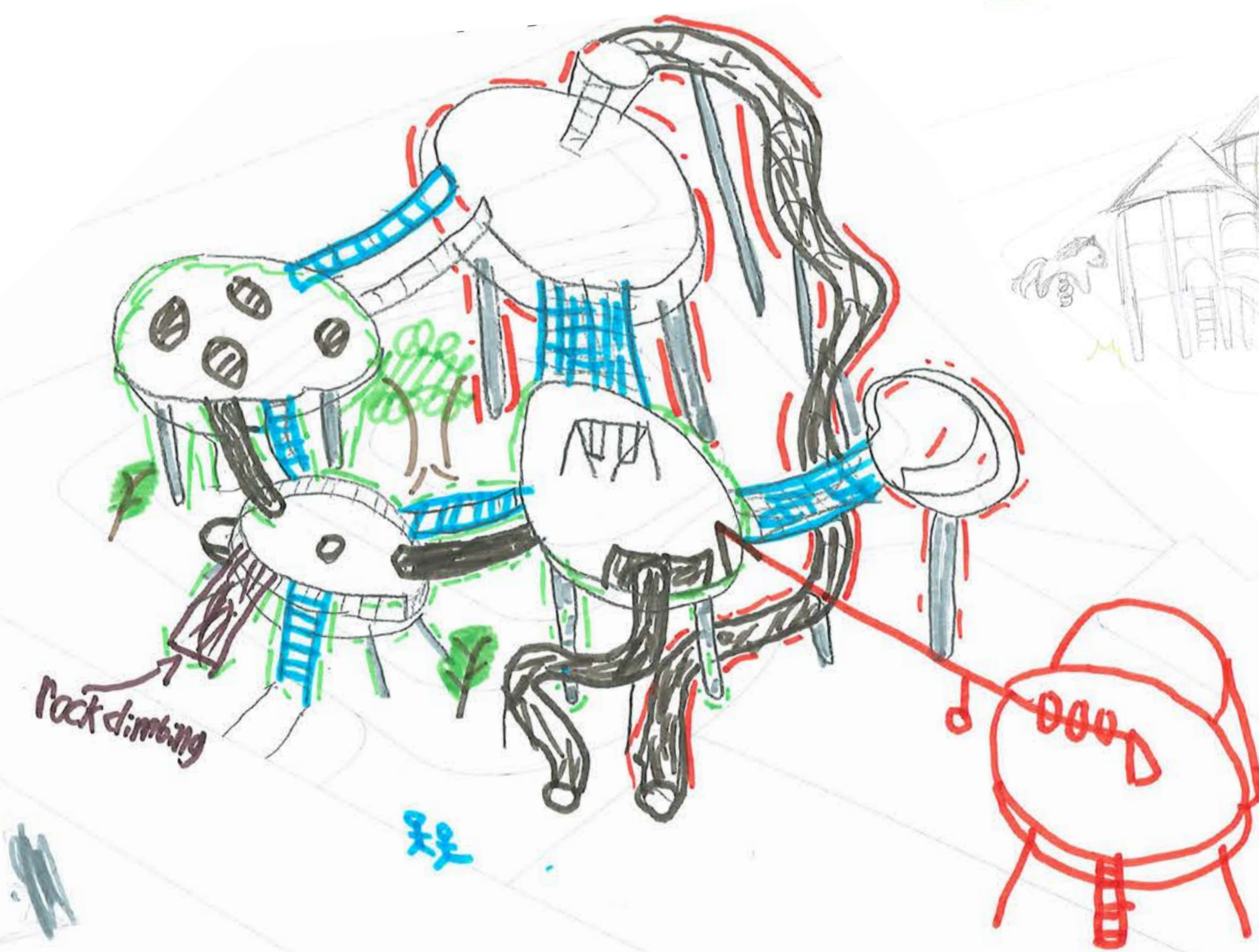
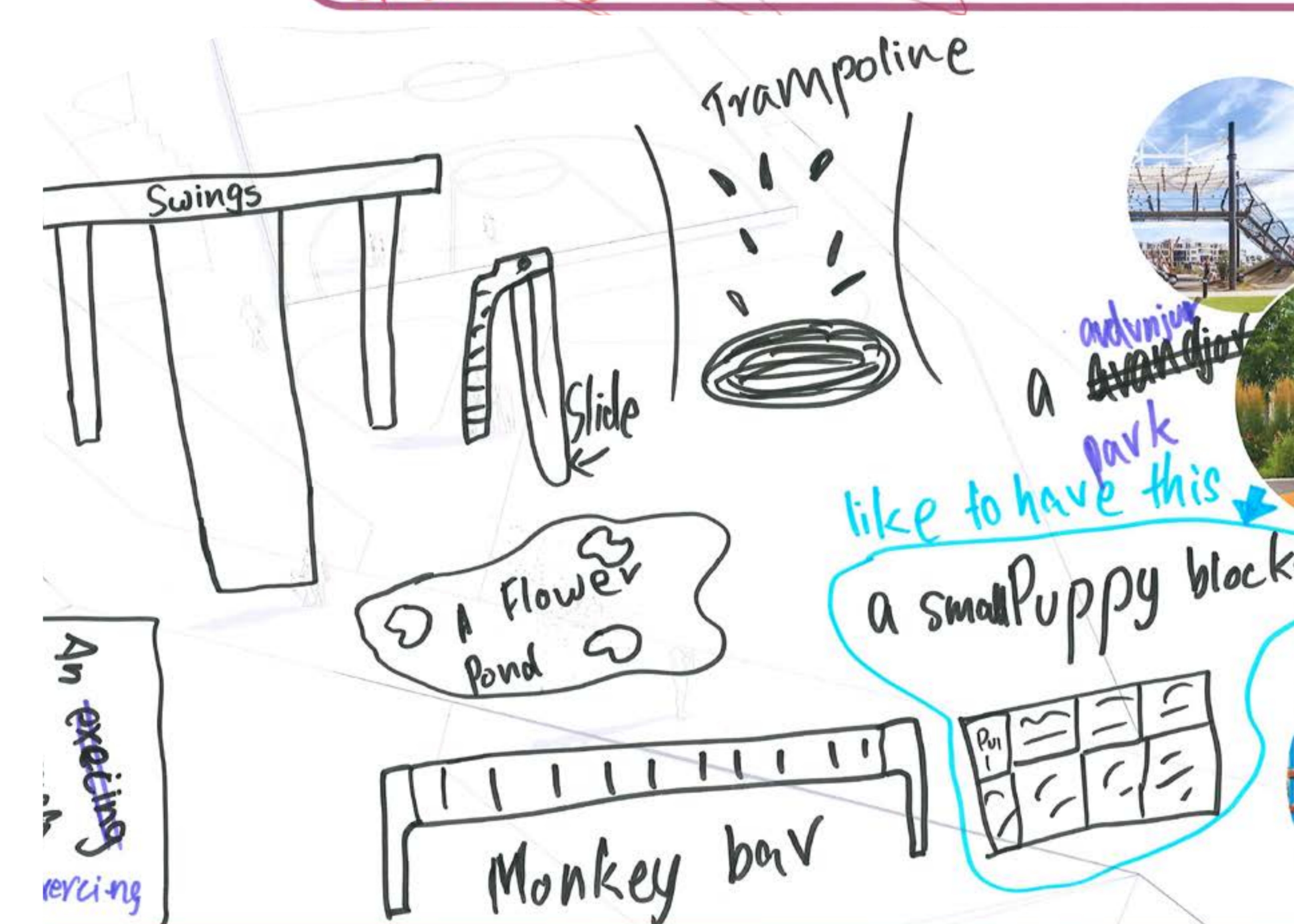
Ideas for the play area in Puāwai Cadness Reserve

Some of the most popular ideas included:

- Trees and planting
- Seating
- Footpaths
- Trampolines
- Swings
- Slide
- Basketball court
- Play tower
- Hamster wheel
- Field for playing sports
- Rope climbing frame
- Flying fox
- Monkey bars
- Parkour area
- Outdoor gym
- Roundabout
- Jungle gym
- Separate areas for older kids



A basketball gate so that the ball doesn't go out.



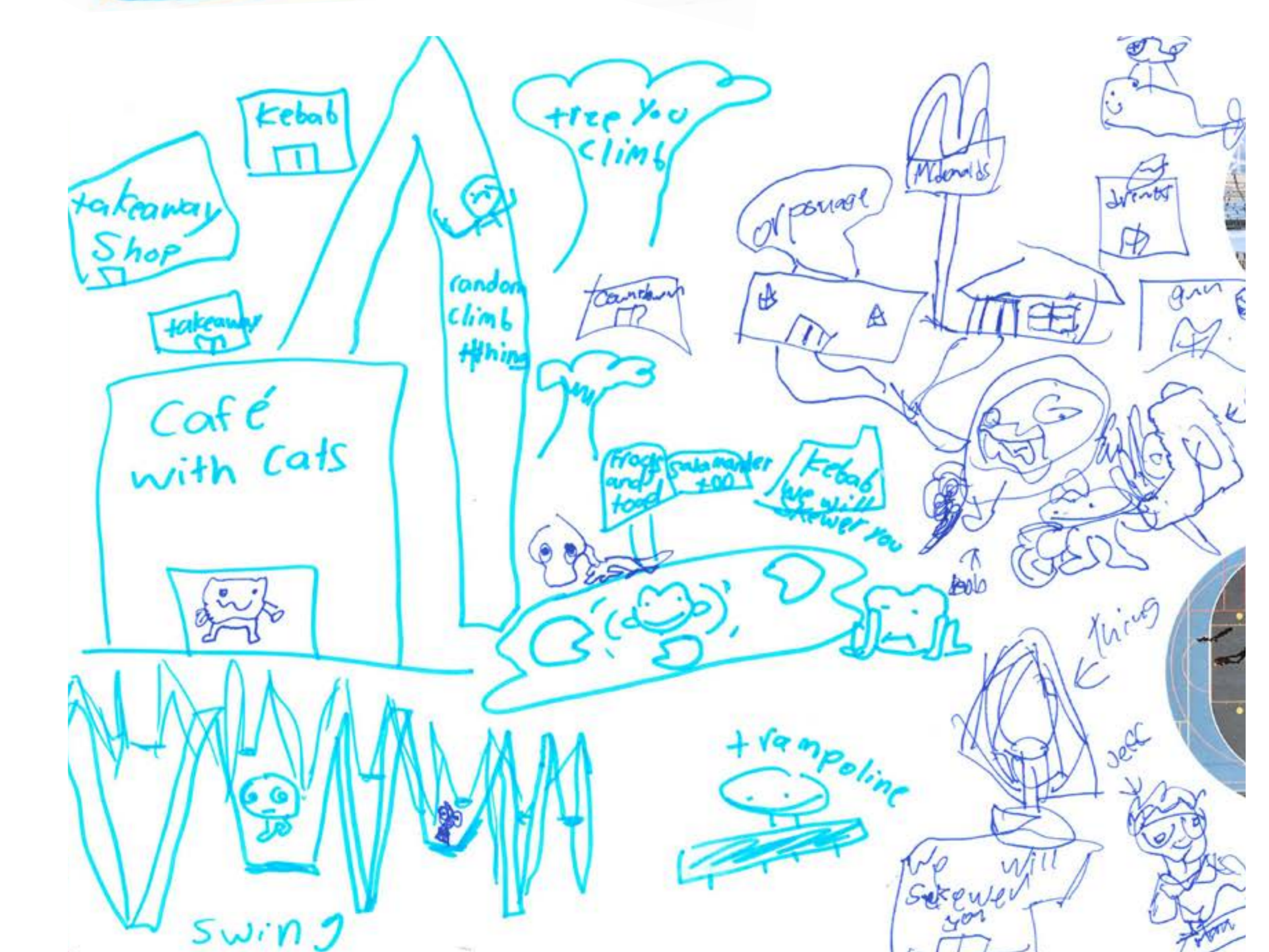
The spin thing with seats
Basketball court but the court need to have colors like purple and black
Light shows every Friday
Ball pits, Flying fox
Football field
Fish pond outside
Fish pond inside with clear glass over.

What would you like the play areas to have?
Design the playground you would like to use.

Rock climbing wall
Optical course
basketball court
Inground tramps (bouncy n' massive)
skate park
rugby field
Kids area (little kids)
seesaw (really big) (w/stop n' start)
bungy jumping
Bush walk (fairly garden)
Bouncy Castle
wishing well
water play area
GO CARS
paint ball area
talking pipes
walking area for the elderly
Cafe for snacks

ball pit (VERY BIG)
Big slide!
Toilets (OCC)
flying fox
Swings
Mirror Maze
tables
Swimming pool
rubbish bins
under ground tunnels
Aquarium
Luge

Ice cream shop.
Big slide line
Takapuna.
Adventure course
Dog friendly





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It was fun gathering feedback from the students on Northcote's new community hub and neighbouring Puāwai Cadness Reserve. Our team worked with the students and their input into the design was crucial as they will be the future users of the space.

From the feedback session, some of the key points included:

What was loved

- The vibe in general – it feels relaxing and like a nice space to go.
- Loved they were being involved in the process and were able to input ideas and feedback.
- Liked that the two playgrounds were separate because this would keep kids apart and stop them bumping into each other.

Big hits

- The hamster wheel, trampolines, swing off the tree, climbing and balance activities, the colour and brightness, and the greenery.
- Liked the field to be able to play games – although they would also like some football goals.

What's missing

- **Pump track or some kind of skate park** – but students agreed there were already a few in the area and at other schools.
- **Big kids playground** – normal swings, a tall/big slide, climbing wall, but students agreed there was a lot of climbing areas already.
- **Little kids** – springy horses because they are really fun!

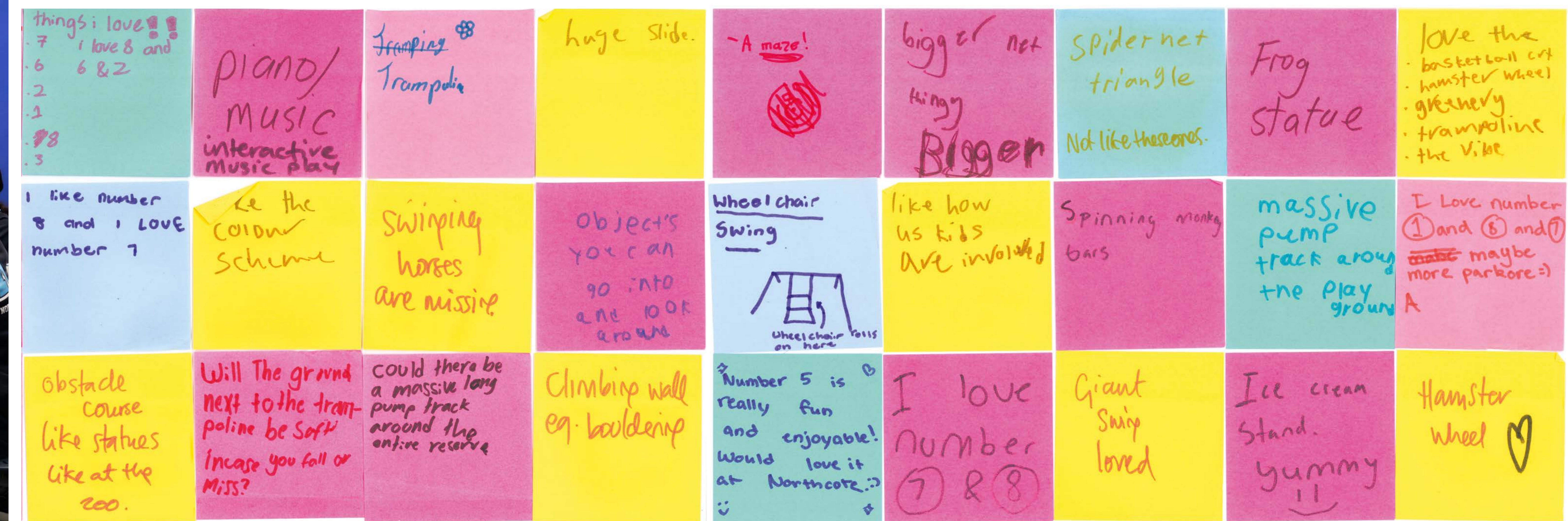


On the left are some of the things the students loved.

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1. Giant swing with birds nest
 3. Round trampoline
 4. Rubber stepping cubes & half spheres
 5. Accessible carousel
 6. Supernova
 7. Wave
 8. Hamster wheel
 9. Bespoke climbing
 10. Rubber terrain

Will The Trampoline Be Bouncy enough to do flips?

It needs to be 10m off the ground

NUMBER 10 IS THE BEST!

big room in the underground holes

flying fox?

neverending maze or despair.

IS it possible to do a mini pump track in the area could be the same size as northcote primary?

more adult and kid swings

The good thing - ~~Apple~~ Hamster Wheel!

Normal swings in the big kids playground

no explanation needed

a boat you can go inside

This is a wheelbarrow

HAMSTER WHEEL! By:RG

I want a BIGGER slide! 8 or 5 meters By:RG

Surf board on springs + play

mini pump track or skate park

Nerf arena! By:RG

Train track. Mini train

Q. What do you love the most?

Q. Is there anything that is missing?

On the right, you can see the proposed design for the older children's play area and some of the feedback from students.



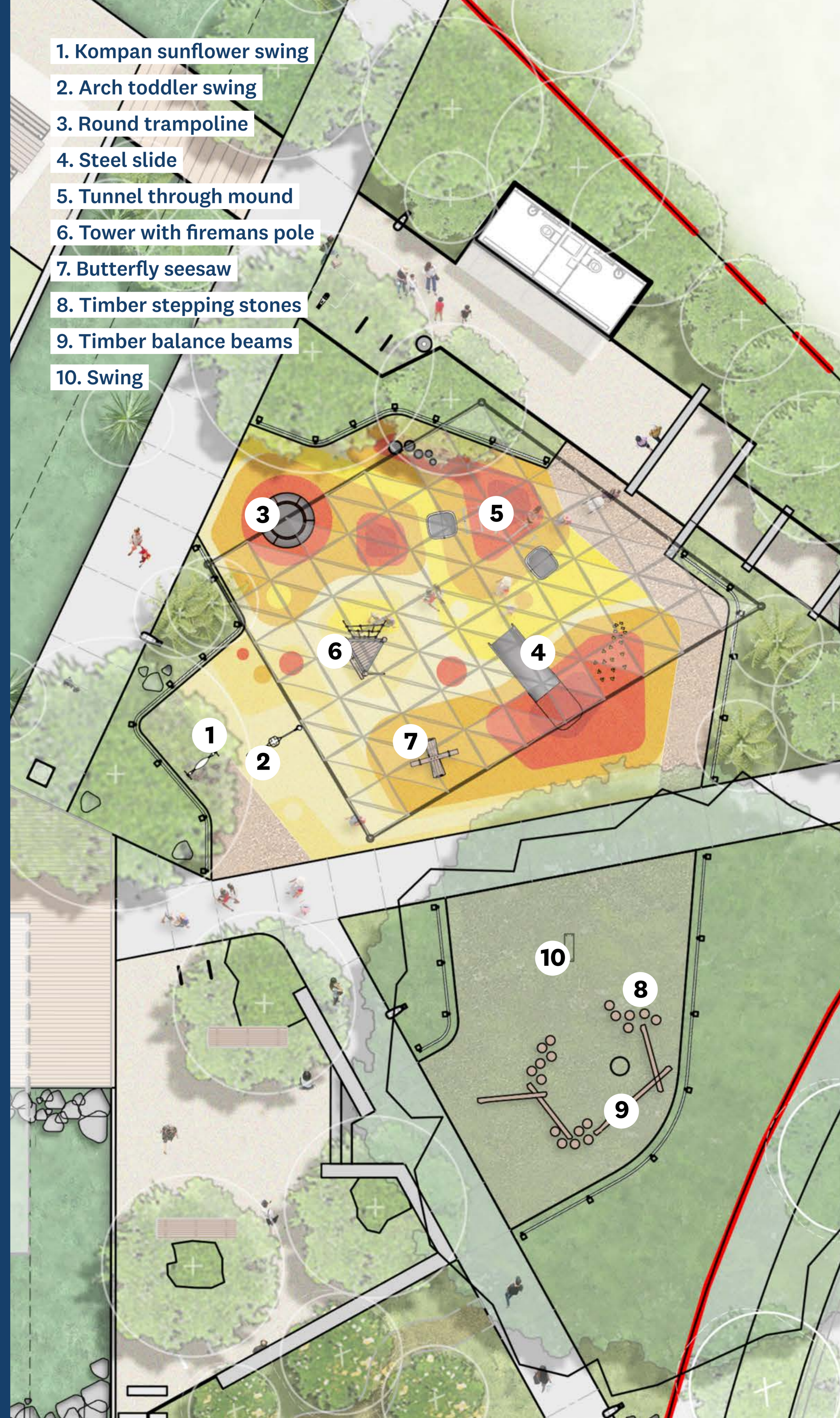
Feedback on the draft design from the students

Using the initial feedback from the students, a draft design was developed for Puāwai Cadness Reserve. This included two play areas – one for older children and another for younger children. Students were then asked for feedback on the design.

Questions included:

- Q. What do you love the most?
- Q. Is there anything that is missing?

On the right, you can see the proposed design for the younger children's play area and some of the feedback from students.





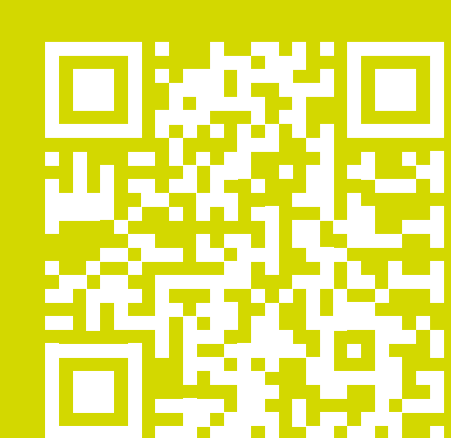
A revitalised
Northcote
Town Centre

Artist's impression

Northcote - It's coming together.

The regeneration of Northcote is well underway, with more exciting developments planned:

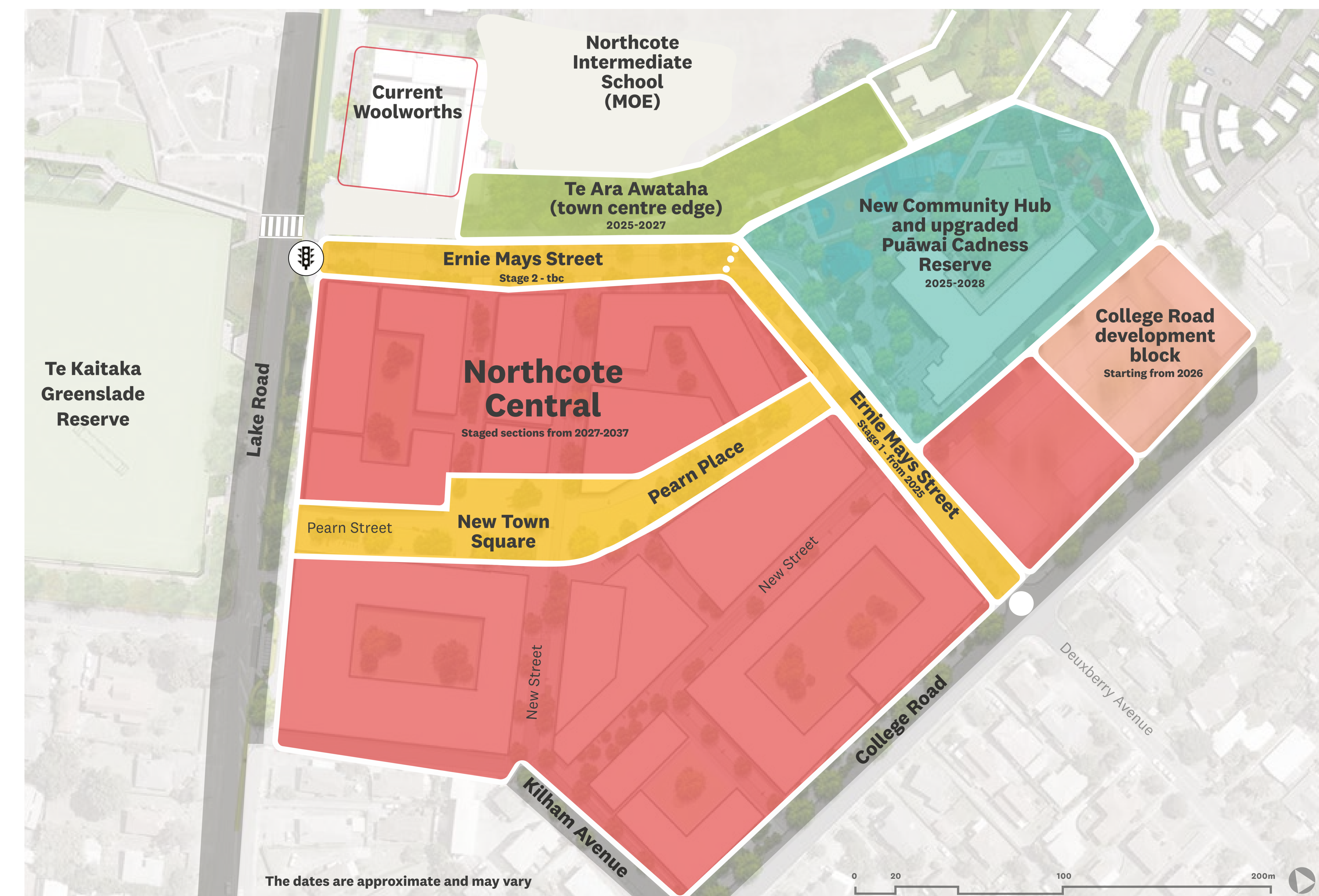
- The redevelopment of the town centre – Northcote Central. There will be new shops, eateries, offices, homes, laneways, and a new town square, while retaining Northcote's unique character and celebrating its Asian, Māori, Pacific and European communities.
- A new community hub (on the Northcote Library site) and an upgrade of Puāwai Cadness Reserve.
- The extension of Ernie Mays Street, in stages, to Lake Road, to become the main street in the town centre and public transport hub.
- The completion of Te Ara Awataha – Northcote's new greenway – by extending it around the town centre.



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Future Northcote Town Centre





New community hub and upgrade of Puāwai Cadness Reserve

A new community hub (combining the library and other community services in one building) is planned for the Northcote Library site, incorporating the current heritage-listed building. Puāwai Cadness Reserve, at the back of the library, will also be significantly upgraded and integrated more with the hub.

The vision for the community hub is to build a vibrant, welcoming place where the community can come together to connect, participate, and share experiences.

The designs have been developed with the help of a Community Needs Assessment (2021), library staff, and the other community providers, Auckland Council, mana whenua, Kaipātiki Local Board and Auckland Council's Healthy Waters.

Construction is expected to start in mid-late 2025 and take two years to complete. In early-mid 2025, the library will temporarily move to a hall at 1 Ernie Mays Street. NorthArt, Hearts & Minds, Plunket and the Citizens Advice Bureau will join the library in the hall, to create a temporary community hub for the duration of construction.

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Draft design for the community hub and Puāwai Cadness Reserve

Legend

- 1 Civic Space/Library Plaza (Name TBC)
- 2 Potential water feature / drinking fountain
- 3 Playground (junior – senior focus)
- 4 Basketball court
- 5 Shelter (50m²)
- 6 Playground (early childhood – childhood focus)
- 7 Orchard garden and terraced seating
- 8 Deck (refer architect)
- 9 Swale
- 10 Lawn
- 11 Carpark and service access
- 12 Climbing plants
- 13 Library/learning garden
- 14 Ramp access
- 15 Refurbished existing pergola
- 16 Public toilets
- 17 Overland flow culvert beneath deck/concrete

