

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Adaptable furniture fits changing learning styles



As times change and styles of learning evolve, Rowan van Raay, Head of Junior School at St Paul's Anglican Grammar School realised the furniture he was using was no longer serving its purpose.

"In recent times learning has become more collaborative and self-directed by students. Teachers are also finding the way they gather information and deliver feedback has changed", explains Rowan.

To this end, he could see the furniture in the learning spaces needed to be more relevant, adaptable and flexible. St Paul's have moved away from the one desk for one child model and their rooms are now filled with large, colourful tables and ergonomic chairs. No longer are items stored at the desk, rather bag and book storage is around the outside of the room, allowing for the tables and chairs to be easily configured as the activity dictates.

When it came to the type of furniture required, Rowan looked for a partner "who could substantiate why their products work". He came across Furnware when the local account manager paid a visit,

although he had already seen the Bodyfurn Sled Chair at the IPSHA (Independent Primary School Heads of Australia) conference, and had been impressed by the research and testing behind this classroom chair.

Rowan consulted with the classroom teachers and trialled some furniture in different spaces. This was a key consideration to ensure they were comfortable with the learning opportunities it created.

Robyn McGrath is a Year 3 teacher and is enjoying teaching in her space with the new furniture. She is able to create more flexible configurations making it quicker to move around. For the most part though, Robyn has really noticed the drop in noise levels.



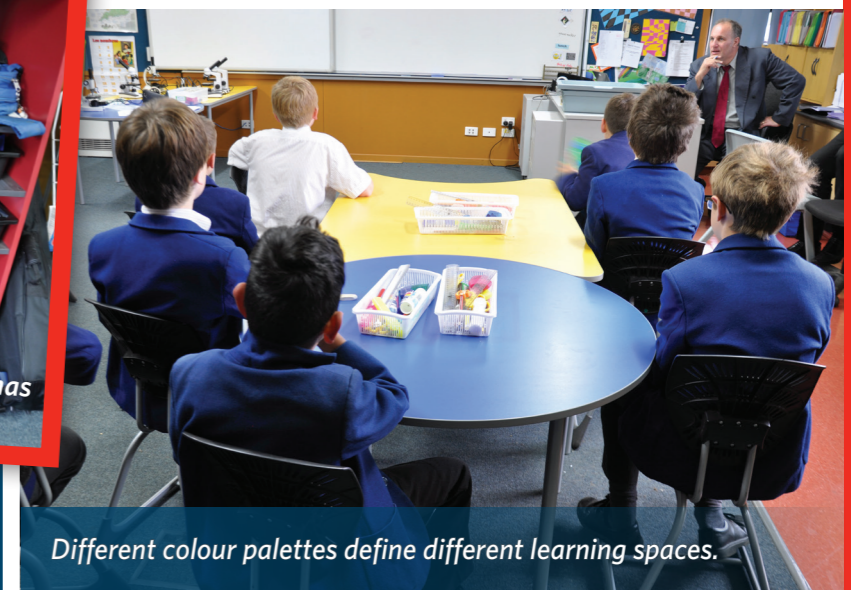
Clutter is kept to minimum as bag storage has been moved to the sides of the classroom.



Freeville tables paired with ergonomic Bodyfurn Sled Chairs feature throughout.



Optimum numbers of students can be seated around the Freeville Table system.



Different colour palettes define different learning spaces.

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