The City of Sydney is proposing a new playground at Cook and Phillip Park. The playground will be an inclusive place in the CBD and will provide an exciting and enriching place for everyone to enjoy. The playground will be a safe, playful and educational space where children are encouraged to be physically active and explore their environment.

Opportunities for a diverse and challenging range of play experiences—dynamic, exploratory, social and imaginative—are being explored. The current concept includes sand play, slides, climbing nets, balance beams, stepping stones, swings, a dry creek bed and cubby houses. There will also be plants, an open lawn, amenities, shaded areas and seating in the playground.

**Social & Inclusive**

The new playground will be a place for everyone to come together through play. It will be an inclusive space for children to get active, take risks, and learn from each other in large or small groups.

**Sustainable**

The playground will be a place for children to be excited and curious about nature, encouraging the next generation of advocates for the environment. New and retained plants and trees, as well as water sensitive urban design principles, will improve the ecological value of the existing park.

**Educational**

Opportunities for formal and informal learning experiences will be scattered throughout. A variety of themes are explored, from indigenous heritage, ecological and geological themes as well as colonial history.

**Sustains Interest**

The playground will include a range of equipment-based play elements and less structured play spaces, creating opportunities for a wide variety of games and experiences to occur within the playground. This will ensure that children are excited about returning to the playground again and again.
Children’s Drawings
City Centre Playground Ideas drawn by students from Bourke St and Plunkett St Primary Schools following consultation workshops

- I can climb up high in the clouds!
- Different rooms to hang out with my friends
- Lots of different games to play!
- A secret place up in the trees
- A tree house to spy on the people below
- Explore the nature!
- I can build a cubby house for my friends and I
- A place just for kids!
- Tall ladders and scary slides!
- Mature Trees
- Climbing + Cascading
- Sensory Gardens
- Wetland
- Unique Species
- Turf
- Native Mix
- Planting Palette
- Material Palette

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