

The construction and opening of a new building in any school is an exciting time for all of those who have been involved in its planning and, more importantly, for the students and staff who will have the opportunity of learning in it each day.

Our newest facility opened in 2012, the Keilor Campus Junior School, home to nearly 500 students and 40 staff. In a year when we celebrated twenty five years of providing quality, affordable education in the north-west of Melbourne, it was appropriate that we opened our newest building to replace our very first classrooms.

One of the great joys for me in 2012 was the regular, almost daily, visit of several Year 4 boys and girls at Keilor to my office to show me their football cards, share their stories and hopes, and to talk about

their adventures in their new building. Year 2 students would visit too, but knew already to be respectful of their older peers. Listening to the students talk about their new learning spaces and the exciting things they were learning and doing, made the provision of this new building all the more worthwhile.

The contrast to the spaces they had left earlier in the year could not have been more marked. The original Junior School portable classrooms served a solid purpose and were the home to a couple of generations of Overnewton students. However, being in a position where we could provide new learning spaces for our children was exciting.

But we all know that physical spaces are simply that, spaces. These spaces come alive for young learners

