

# Playground Budgeting Guide



## Your Budget

- How much do you have to spend?
- What fundraising or grants are available?
- Can a design be created and implemented over a few phases to spread out your costs?

## Your Site

- How much room do you have?
- Is the site flat or sloped?
  - Digger Hire
  - Retaining
  - Spoil removal
- What current play equipment do you have? What stays and what goes?
- Site obstacles (trees, underground services etc.)
- Site drainage
- Access to site (Can you get a digger in?)

### Ballpark costs

#### Digger Hire

\$150 Transport  
\$150/hour

Equipment removal  
and disposal?

## The Playground

- What is your vision for the space?
- What are the ages and abilities of your children?
- Types of play (Climbing, sliding, sand, water, socialising etc)
- Events and materials
- Play Value
- Quality
- Children Safety and fall zones (New Zealand standard for playground equipment and surfacing, NZS5828:2015)
- Installation - (Timeframes and site safety)

### Ballpark costs

~15% of equipment

## The Safety Surface

	Ballpark costs	100m <sup>2</sup> example
• Bark Chip (min. 300mm deep)	\$90/m <sup>3</sup>	\$ 5,000
• Washed River Sand	\$90/m <sup>3</sup>	\$ 5,000
• Timber Surrounds (Usually required for bark and sand)	\$60/m	\$ 2,400
• Artificial grass (\$150 - \$200/m <sup>2</sup> )	\$200/m <sup>2</sup>	\$ 20,000
• Matting (\$200 - \$250/m <sup>2</sup> )	\$250/m <sup>2</sup>	\$ 25,000
• Wet Pour (\$250 - \$300/m <sup>2</sup> )	\$300/m <sup>2</sup>	\$ 30,000

\* All figures are rough estimates for planning purposes only.