

Functional Directory

Primary Schools



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Functional Zones

Functional sub-zone

Functional unit

*This Functional Directory must be read in conjunction with the **Area Schedule Primary Schools** and the **Education and Care Facilities Design Standards (ECFDS)** containing the Generic Functional Briefs.*

*Notes to guide interpretation of the **Area Schedule Primary Schools** are included below.*

Wellbeing Hub

Student wellbeing

Student wellbeing space(s)

Refer to the ECFDS for detail on the purpose and nature of wellbeing spaces for students and the preferred location.

External student wellbeing space(s)

First aid/Sick bay

The listing of the First aid/sick bay in this Functional Zone is due to its function for student wellbeing. It does not indicate its location.

Wellbeing staff

Wellbeing staff space

Wellbeing services

Psychologist/Counsellor's office

Visiting support staff clinical space

The number of office spaces is dependent on the student enrolment. This includes Therapy/NDIS consultation room(s).

Community & Cultural Space

Aboriginal Education Spaces

Aboriginal education space –students, community and staff

Every school is provided with a base area allocation to support an Aboriginal Education Staff Member and space to support engagement with the Aboriginal Community and as a focal point for learning about Aboriginal histories and cultures (Australian Curriculum Cross Curricula priority Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures).

External Aboriginal education space

Community & Cultural Space

Cultural space

Additional area to support engagement with the community and provide a focal point for the celebration of cultural heritage and culture.

External cultural space

Multi-faith room

Every education and care facility is provided with a base area allocation to support worship so that all education and care facilities are inclusive of cultural practices.

Learning Resource Centre/Library	
Main Library Area	
<i>Resource collection & display</i> <i>Collaboration space</i> <i>Dialogue/sharing space</i> <i>Explicit teaching/presentation</i> <i>Reflection & meeting spaces</i> <i>Multimedia production space</i> <i>Studio/Workshop - inter-disciplinary, multi-purpose</i> <i>Meeting Room(s)</i>	The area allocated to the Learning Resource Centre/Library is required to provide all the functionalities listed. As indicated in the ECFDS, some spaces are capable of being multipurpose. For example, area allocated for collaboration can also serve as a space for presentations or explicit teaching to a large group.
<i>External learning courtyard</i>	
Service Areas	
<i>Library workspace/circulation desk</i>	
<i>Store - general</i>	
<i>Store - centralised equipment store</i>	
<i>IT technician's workspace</i>	
<i>Store - IT</i>	
Learning Community	
Teaching and Learning	
<i>Explicit teaching/presentation/gathering</i> <i>Collaboration space</i> <i>Dialogue/sharing space</i> <i>Reflection & meeting spaces</i> <i>Internal self & co-regulation spaces, interoception</i> <i>Focused learning space</i> <i>Acoustically isolated studio - drama/dance/languages</i> <i>Store – general</i> <i>Internal circulation</i>	The area allocated to Teaching and Learning within the Learning Community is required to provide all the functionalities listed. As indicated in the ECFDS, some spaces are capable of being multipurpose. For example, area allocated for reflection and meeting can also serve as a space for explicit teaching to a small or medium sized group.
Studio/Workshop - inter-disciplinary, multi-purpose	
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Student Wellbeing	
<i>Student - 'heat and eat'</i>	The 'heat and eat' is a wellbeing and a community building function. Specific school briefs provide information for actual location and design.
Student – personal belongings	
<i>Bag storage/open storage for student belongings</i>	
Teaching and Learning - external	
<i>Integrated external learning space(s)</i>	
<i>Store - external learning</i>	
Inclusive elements	
<i>Equipment storage</i>	
<i>Laundry</i>	
<i>External self & co-regulation space</i>	

Health, Fitness and Performing Arts	
Health and fitness	
<i>Multi-purpose activity space</i>	
<i>Multi-purpose - store</i>	
<i>Gymnasium</i> <i>Basketball</i> <i>Basketball – community use</i> <i>Netball</i> <i>Netball – community use</i>	The standard area for the Gymnasium is based on the competition sized basketball court inclusive of required runoffs. Alternative functions can be developed on a project-by-project basis depending on school specialisation and/or 3 rd party investments.
<i>Store – sports equipment</i>	
<i>Store - chairs</i>	
<i>Kitchen with servery</i>	
<i>Store - community</i>	
Food Technology	
<i>Productive garden</i>	Workshop for food preparation and Dining Space is included for in the Learning Community.
<i>Gardening shed</i>	
Performing Arts	
<i>Studio - Music</i>	
<i>Store - Music</i>	
<i>Music practice rooms</i>	
Canteen - Cafeteria	
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<i>Café - internal</i> <i>Café - external</i> <i>Canteen prep</i> <i>Canteen servery</i> <i>Canteen desk-work area</i> <i>Canteen store</i> <i>Staff - toilet and changeroom</i>	Located under Amenities in the ECFDS - Generic Functional Briefs
Leadership, Administration & Staff Centre	
Administration	
<i>Foyer includes student reception, public reception/waiting/services</i>	Area allocated to the Foyer must provide all functionalities.
<i>Meeting Room - Conference</i>	
<i>Meeting Room - Interview</i>	
<i>Office - Business Manager</i>	
<i>Office – general administration and finance</i>	
<i>Store - Secure</i>	
<i>Staff resource and utilities area</i>	
<i>Staff collaborative planning area</i>	
<i>Store – General [incl. uniform store]</i>	
<i>Community - accessible toilet</i>	Located under Amenities in the ECFDS - Generic Functional Briefs

Leadership	
<i>Leadership Team Area</i>	
<i>Principal</i>	
<i>Deputy & Assistant Principal(s)</i>	
Staff Centre	
<i>Staff lounge</i>	
<i>Staff retreat/parenting room</i>	
<i>Staff lounge - external courtyard</i>	
Staff workspace	
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<i>Staff workspaces</i>	
Student and Staff Amenities	
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<i>Staff - toilets</i>	
<i>Staff - accessible toilet</i>	
<i>Staff - shower & changeroom (end of trip)</i>	
<i>Student - toilets</i>	
<i>Student – fully-assisted toilet, shower and change</i>	
<i>Student – Team rooms & all-gender change cubicles</i>	
Out of School Hours Care	
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<i>OSHC office</i>	
<i>OSHC kitchenette/food preparation</i>	
<i>OSHC storage</i>	
Site and services	
Site	
<i>Facilities and grounds maintenance</i>	
<i>Bicycle store - staff</i>	
<i>Bicycle/Scooter store - student</i>	
Services	
<i>Communications & server room</i>	
<i>Distributed communications room</i>	
<i>Engineering plant & services</i>	
<i>Stores - Cleaner</i>	
Circulation	
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<i>Internal circulation</i>	
<i>External circulation</i>	

Outdoor Environments	
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<i>External hard court(s)</i>	
<i>External sport field(s)</i> <i>AFL junior oval</i> <i>Soccer/hockey pitch</i>	
<i>Active play space</i>	
<i>Retreat space(s)</i>	
<i>Socialising space(s)</i>	
<i>Outdoor covered area (built shade)</i>	
<i>Shaded areas (natural shade)</i>	
<i>Small external performance space/external gathering</i>	
<i>School Centre - School Heart (gathering space)</i>	

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