Subject: 🚨 Our Playground is Falling Apart - We must fix it ‼ 🚨

To: council@northshore.com

Dear council,

Have you noticed the appalling state of our playground? It's gone from sublime to duff, I think it's time we do something about this unamusing problem.

Many concerned students yearn for a safe place to play. Don't you also yearn for the once vibrant playground that has now turned into a pit of grotesque metal scraps, metal hinges, screws and memories.

Those memories deserve to be nourished with new gleaming equipment and those very memories will be joined with many more. It is our playground that played with us, it is our playground that has nurtured us, it is our playground that deserves care.

There are also many concerns for the students. There have been multiple incidents regarding our metal dump. Here are some incidents related to our concerns.

Student Safety: Last week alone, two Year 4 students sustained minor injuries from the protruding metal edges of the damaged slide. The uneven concrete has caused multiple tripping incidents.

Mental Wellbeing: Students now view break times with dread rather than anticipation. The playground should be a place of joy and development, not caution and avoidance.

Educational Impact: Physical activity is crucial for cognitive development. The uninviting, barren play space discourages movement, potentially affecting classroom focus and academic performance.

Research by the Australian department of physical health indicates that schools with well-maintained play facilities see 34% higher rates of physical activity among students and report fewer behavioural issues in the classroom. Our school deserves nothing less than a safe, engaging environment that supports both physical and intellectual development.

I respectfully propose:

1. An immediate safety assessment of all playground equipment.

2. Repairs to the most hazardous areas within the next two weeks.

3. Development of a comprehensive renovation plan by term's end.

4. A meeting with student representatives to gather input on improvements.

I understand that budget constraints are a reality; however, the potential cost of student injury – both human and financial – far outweighs the investment needed for these improvements. Our kind local businesses and parents have already expressed willingness to assist with fundraising initiatives.

Thank you for your consideration of this urgent matter. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss this further at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Anonymous Year 6 student