



the daylight project



FICINO
SCHOOL



When the founding members of Ficino School came together, their aim was to provide an academic, yet highly principled education for their children, focusing on mindfulness, traditional values and character development.

Inspired by these principles, the school exists to educate children in the pursuit of truth, self-knowledge and an understanding of the boundless potential of the human spirit, so that they may live with empathy and act with wisdom, purpose and responsibility.

The Daylight Project will strengthen Ficino School's purpose by creating learning spaces that support calm attention and excellent teaching.

what is the daylight project?

Five classrooms will be renewed, dedicated focus rooms will be created for one-to-one teaching, and a new garden area will provide space for outdoor learning, quiet reflection and student wellbeing.

This is a practical investment in the daily conditions that help children flourish. It will give teachers and students lighter, calmer and better equipped spaces in which to do their best work.

why this matters

At Ficino, education is not simply the transfer of information. It is the careful nurturing of attention, character and understanding.

FOR THIS TO HAPPEN, THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT MATTERS.

The current campus was in use as a hospital when Ficino School moved to the premises. Throughout 1997, founding parents and members of the School of Philosophy donated their time, energy and skills to transform the buildings into a school. Apart from remodelling of the Year 1 classroom in 2022, no major works have been carried out to the main classroom building since this original conversion.

The Daylight Project will build on the legacy of the founding members by ensuring that the school's physical spaces align with its educational purpose.

Volunteers working together to convert the building into classrooms in 1997.



*Below:
Classroom following the original remodelling works.*





Classroom 2 current state



Current view



Architect's impression of improvements



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Current view



Architect's impression of improvements

1 | BRIGHTER CLASSROOMS

Classrooms 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be repainted and given new flooring, creating fresher, warmer and more uplifting learning spaces.

2 | GREATER FOCUS

New focus rooms will provide dedicated spaces for one-to-one teaching, small group support and quiet learning.

what will the daylight project deliver?

3 | MORE DAYLIGHT

Bifold glass doors will be added to Classrooms 2, 4, 5 and 6, improving natural light to make these learning spaces feel more open and connected to the outdoors.

4 | A GARDEN FOR LEARNING AND STILLNESS

The transformed garden area will provide a calm place for group teaching, quiet reflection, reading and discussion, while allowing students to connect with nature.



who will benefit?

THE IMPACT FOR students

The Daylight Project will give students lighter, airier and more modern learning spaces that support engagement and wellbeing.

A lighter classroom helps students feel more settled and focus rooms facilitate individual instruction as part of a child's learning when required.

A quiet garden area gives students somewhere to observe, question, reflect and learn from the natural world.

These are simple but important conditions for wisdom to grow.



THE IMPACT FOR teachers

Excellent teaching requires more than skill and dedication. Teachers also need spaces that support learning.

The Daylight Project will provide teachers with greater flexibility. They will be able to use the classrooms, focus rooms and garden area in different ways depending on the needs of students.

Whole class teaching, individual guidance, quiet reflection and outdoor learning will all be better supported, reflecting the value Ficino places on fine teaching.



THE IMPACT FOR the future

This project will strengthen the school for current students and future generations.

It will show families that Ficino continues to invest carefully in the quality of education it provides. It will also help ensure the physical environment reflects the school's deeper values of focused attention, wisdom and beauty.

Ficino families are making a significant contribution through the annual capital levy. Philanthropic support is now needed to enable the project to go ahead.





the daylight project funding

TOTAL ESTIMATED
PROJECT COST:
\$450,000

CONFIRMED
CONTRIBUTION FROM
CAPITAL LEVY:
\$160,000

AMOUNT REQUIRED
THROUGH FUNDRAISING
AND DONATIONS:
\$290,000

how the project
will be funded



we invite you to support the daylight project.

TRANSFORM A CLASSROOM \$20,000 (4 AVAILABLE)

Upgrades to a single classroom, including glazing, installation of bifold doors, decoration and carpet.

Acknowledged on a dedicated plaque located at the entrance to the classroom.

CREATE A PLACE OF FOCUS \$15,000 (3 AVAILABLE)

Support for a focus room, including glazing, cabinetry, decoration and carpet.

Acknowledged on a dedicated plaque located at the entrance to the focus room.

CULTIVATE A LEARNING GARDEN \$5,000 (4 AVAILABLE)

Contribution of one of four main garden planters for the student garden.

Acknowledged on a dedicated plaque attached to the planter.

TAKE A SEAT IN THE GARDEN \$2,000

A contribution towards the decked seating and learning area.

Acknowledged on a plaque attached to the decking.

BE A DAYLIGHT SUPPORTER \$300 (OR MORE)

A community gift towards the Daylight Project.

Acknowledged on a plaque erected in the garden.

By supporting this initiative, you will help create the conditions in which young people can develop the habits of focused attention and reflection that underpin a life of learning and wisdom.

This is an opportunity to invest in the heart of a Ficino education.



THE DAYLIGHT PROJECT

ways to give

Online via Credit Card:

Use our secure online donation form at
ficino.school.nz/daylightproject

Bank Transfer:

Complete the donation form opposite and hand it
in to the School Office.

Transfer easily to:

Ficino Educational Trust

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Reference: Daylight Project

As a recognised charity, donations of over \$5 will receive an official receipt from the Ficino Educational Trust, entitling donors to claim a donation tax credit of up to 33.3%.

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the daylight project donation form

Please complete and detach this donation form and hand it in to the School Office.

PLEASE TICK

- ☐ Transform a Classroom (\$20,000 - 4 available)
- ☐ Create a Place of Focus (\$15,000 - 3 available)
- ☐ Cultivate a Learning Garden (\$5,000 - 4 available)
- ☐ Take a Seat in the Garden (\$2,000)
- ☐ Be a Daylight Supporter (\$300+)

☐ Make a donation of \$ _____ to The Daylight Project

I would like this donation to be attributed to the following
name / company on the acknowledgement plaque (\$300+) and in
school communications about The Daylight Project:

DONATION NAME / COMPANY DETAILS

YOUR DETAILS - PLEASE PRINT

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