

## Sheltered from sun and rain

JUNIOR school children at Caroline Chisholm Special School in Padsstow will be able to play outdoors with protection from the sun and rain in just four weeks, when the new covered outdoor learning area.

The new covered area will replace the existing shade cloth, which is more than 10 years old, and will be ready in time for the beginning of Term 4 – and the hot Australian summer.

Bankstown Sports Club recently Caroline Chisholm Special School a grant of just over \$38,000 to ensure that the junior school students with intellectual and multiple disabilities, aged 4, 5 and 6 years old, have a safe environment in which to play in hot or wet weather.

Principal of Caroline Chisholm Special School, Stephen Milroy, said the children will appreciate the outdoor freedom the covered area will bring them.



Bankstown Sports Club handed over \$38,000 to Caroline Chisholm Special School for a new play area so the students could enjoy the outdoors.

"We've got 75 kids at the school, about 25 of those are in the junior school, and they sometimes have trouble following sun-safe procedures and find it hard to identify unsafe situations. This sheltered area means the kids can play outside and still be protected from the weather," Mr Milroy said.

"For the past four years, we've been working closely with the P&C Council to

raise money for this shelter and now that we've got this grant from Bankstown Sports Club, we can finally go ahead with building it during the next school holidays."

Bankstown Sports secretary/manager, John Mackay, said: "It's great to know we've helped fulfil a real need in the community and we hope the kids have fun playing outdoors in the coming summer".

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