

# Burragah Kindy - Supporting Education



Formula Interiors supports ATSICHS Brisbane (formerly known as Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service) a not-for-profit community owned health and human services organisation. Community members and concerned general practitioners formed ATSICHS as a small volunteer group in the early 1970s. Today they provide a diverse range of health and ancillary services to more than 10,000 clients.

A recent acquisition that ATSICHS took over mid last year is the Burragah Kindy in Logan Central which has been operating for 40 years. Currently, Burragah caters for 34 Indigenous children aged 3 to 5 years old with a focus on supporting and strengthening children's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity through programs that are inclusive of the children's culture, language and learning styles.

The building was in need of some tender loving care. Some problem points identified were the children found it difficult to turn the taps on and off, the roof covering the outdoor patio area leaked, the building flooded when it rained due to inadequate drainage, there were limited power points in the building, Air-Conditioning needed repair, and the lighting within the Kindergarten was insufficient.

As part of our social support program, with close collaboration with ATSICHS, we were able to supply the necessary labour and materials to resolve these issues.

Much to the delight of the staff and children, they now have:

- Drains that work when the rain comes and no longer floods the kindy
- New gutters and guards where needed
- A brand new drain across the entry of the outback patio area to catch water running in down the backyard path
- Powerpoints inside and outside
- All new internal light fittings that have diffusers, New Outdoor Lights
- A retaining wall that prevents the back patio from being covered in sand and dirt from the gardens
- New hand basins and all new taps which have auto shutoffs to avoid water wastage
- A repaired back patio that no longer leaks
- A fresh coat of paint on the back patio floor so that it looks brand new.
- Reverse Cycle Air-Conditioning has been repaired to keep everyone comfortable.

Now Burragah Kindy can provide an improved educational and caring environment to a higher standard for their staff and students in a supportive culturally appropriate atmosphere.



*"Thanks Formula RBA for giving the children at Burragah another reason to smile, enjoy coming to kindy, and that they live in a world where people really do care about them."*  
**Kirsten Holland** from ATSICHS



We Shared a Meal