



DSTO Sydney moved to its new headquarters at the Australian Technology Park at Eveleigh in 2008 and, as part of this whole of site relocation, the library moved to its new purpose built space at the hub of the new site. It has a bright reading area with walls of glass, and is adjacent to the site break-out space with kitchenette facilities.

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Much more than a makeover

After months of planning by our amazing Teacher-Librarians Anne Flanagan and Carolyn Swalwell, the Guardian Angels' School Library (for Prep to Grade 3) was about to undergo a transformation.



The purple compactus houses teacher resources

This was to occur during the beginning of term one while library staff were busy with all that a new school year entails. This however was not our biggest obstacle. That was to be quality versus cost—all who have had to

work within the constraints of a limited library budget will know how difficult this can be.

And then there were the suppliers. With them came the challenges of items not delivered on time or with parts missing and even sometimes damaged. This can and does slow any project.

Yes, we had a few hiccups and I am sure our TL's most probably lost some sleep during the process.

The result, however, is a library space that now reflects the warm and welcoming attitudes of the library staff. A space that could not be accessed effectively by teaching staff—except during rostered library classes—has become a well used, busy teaching and learning environment.

With brightly painted walls (orange, yellow & purple), a large purple compactus that houses our teacher resources, bright green book boxes, new tables, chairs and bookshelves, our library has gone from dull and uninviting to a bright, open and airy space—from a caterpillar to a butterfly transformation complete!

And what do our most important clients—the students—think? If you have ever seen a child's face when they are given a present, then you will know their reaction.

But wait there is more! We are now working on the library for Grades 4 to 7. Will keep you posted.

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