

# No Stone unturned for top park

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WODONGA primary school students yesterday briefed the city's council on what needs to be done to improve the playground in Les Stone Park.

"The toilets need work, they are too dark and scary," the students said.

"Having the seesaw so far from the main playground is silly.

"And the playground needs a wizzy-dizz and more swings."

Wodonga Council had invited the school children from St Monica's Primary School and Wodonga

West Primary School to have their say on the redevelopment of the playground.

"To create a shared vision of our city, the voice of children must be sought, heard and acted upon," council early years manager Debra Mudra said.

"This is a great opportunity for the actual users of the playground to have their input on its redevelopment.

"We'll be looking at themes put forward by the children and their families and how we can, with the landscape designer, implement those into the playground."

Wodonga TAFE students from

the Diploma of Children's Services course are partnering with council to engage children in this consultation process.

The children participated in a number of experiences while at the park with the TAFE students including a nature walk and sketching activity.

TAFE students visited the children in their classrooms before the consultation to brief them on the playground visit and what would happen when they arrived.

Work on Les Stone Park is expected to start in July and it is hoped it will be finished before the Christmas holidays.