

modern teaching

Brilliant learning spaces

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Creating brilliant learning spaces together

Brilliant learning outcomes come from brilliantly considered spaces and the resources in them. Whether the goal for your learning space is to revive, refurb or re-imagine, MTA helps you approach the project holistically, taking you from inspiration to completion.

We go beyond the furniture and fittings, to focus on a complete solution that encompasses equipment and resources. A modern, welcoming space that is alive with learning and teaching possibility, curated just for you... that's the MTA difference.

We're passionate about helping educators create engaging, child-focused environments that ignite creativity and facilitate pedagogy across all developmental stages. The MTA team works collaboratively with you to support best practice in the design and use of your play space or learning environment.



A free MTA discovery session will focus you! We'll help you explore things like theme, colour scheme, how many children in your space or whether you need multiple zones. Is there a philosophy or pedagogical approach to consider? We help you look through all those lenses to bring your learning space to life.



Why your learning space environment matters

Environments can affect our moods, our ability to form relationships, our effectiveness in work or play – even our health. So, an effectively designed space, and the environment within it, has the potential to positively influence every area of a child’s learning and development!



Naomi Walker

General Manager,
Education Resources,
Early Learning



Train the brain!

The early learning environment has a particularly crucial role as young children are in the process of rapid brain development. The brain develops stronger connections, or synapses, based on a child’s experiences. The desired result in early childhood is to create a space where children feel safe, welcome and a sense of belonging, so they can reach a deep level of learning and convey an understanding of their place in the world.

At their own pace

Brilliant learning spaces also empower students to learn at their own pace and support their learning needs and interests in different ways.

A second home

Another reason why the early childhood environment plays such a strong role is because of the amount of time children may spend in it. A young child beginning childcare may spend up to 12,000 hours in this environment before school!

Inviting and restful

Welcoming learning environments bring so many benefits. When you enlist a variety of textures, materials and colours, it helps to create an environment that is visually appealing and engaging, but also calming and restful. Young children respond differently, based on the design and the types of resources used in each space.

To design your new learning space, consider:

- Child development and developmentally appropriate practices.
- Individual interests, so that environments are meaningful to each child.
- Cultural backgrounds, to ensure that environments are relevant to each child.
- Curriculum standards and early learning guidelines, so that you can scaffold children’s learning in meeting these standards.
- Your own and your program’s philosophy.

MTA offers a thoughtful and inspiring range of learning space solutions including flexible furniture and soft furnishing options, art and craft creative areas and outdoor learning environments. Plus all the educational resources to fill your new space. Let’s create a brilliant learning space together.

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Creative spaces

Watch art and craft, messy play, drama, construction and music come to life in a learning environment which allows children to create and express themselves freely. Role play helps children to develop language and communication skills while also promoting creativity and imagination. Dramatic play also encourages children to become more confident and develop a stronger sense of identity. When children come together in role play, it aids in their social and emotional development. Listening to others, negotiation and co-operation all result from authentic dramatic play.



Get the look



**Nature Spaces
Craft Trolley**
DM4111



**Premium Wooden
2-Sided Easel**
GC0850



**Stockholm Maker
Table & Tray**
STK8626K



**Rainbow Floor
Seats & Carry Bag**
KKD25



**Stockholm Spaces
Mobile 20 Shelf
Drying Rack**
STK1028



Start with a theme – outer space, rainbows, an enchanted forest, a flower garden, the seaside – and build from there with your space and fill it with furniture, rugs, cushions and play resources that allow children’s imaginations to soar.



Imaginative spaces

Spaces that encourage creative thinking, open-ended learning and collaborative play allow children to confidently explore different roles, emotions and viewpoints.



Get the look



Natural Spaces Junior Kitchen
DM202K



Imaginary Play Campfire
ZH900



World Map Teepee
ZH7611



MTA Spaces Round Wood Cushions
LIJ031



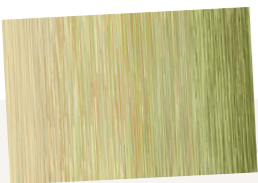
Mushroom Stool
UBF100

Natural spaces

Learning environments that incorporate natural elements allow children to connect with nature, encouraging a sense of respect and responsibility for the environment. Natural play resources and natural spaces create an understanding of the world we live in from a young age and champion a healthy lifestyle filled with fresh air and sunshine. Natural themes celebrate learning about the world around us and the everchanging cycles of nature.



Get the look



Green Thatch Carpet
GC9960



MTA Spaces Round Jute Pouf
FLD101



Woven Baskets with Handles
CHH188061



Write-On Wooden Hanging Boards
MW600



Natural Spaces Open Back Triple Shelf
DM12098

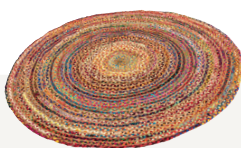


Sensory spaces

Curious toddlers love to explore. They love to look. They love to move! Create an engaging play space that facilitates exploration, as children use their senses to explore, examine and discover. Engage the senses with glowing lights, gentle music, soft surfaces... a sensory space can be a safe haven to calm children, rest and reboot, or a place for discovery.



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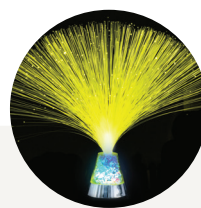
**Fair Trade Chindi
Woven Recycled Rug**
SIC201



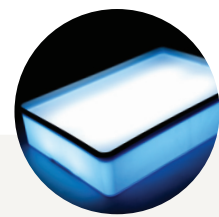
**Stockholm Spaces
Cosy Pod**
STK107



**Cushions
Assorted Colours**
EZ50513



Fibre Optic Lamp
PLLE39



**Teachables
Light Box**
GUW900

Quiet spaces

Little ones need a mindful space where they can recharge and refocus, or transition and unwind throughout the day. Quiet spaces can be inviting, comfy chairs and open shelving that curves around like a hug to create a book nook. Cosy is the order of the day in these spaces.



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MTA deliver promptly and professionally. We always feel valued and their commitment to providing children with rich, sustainable and high quality resources is exceptional.

Leanne Zammit, Head of Early Education of John Paul College



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**Natural Spaces
Sensory Nook**
DM2105



The Calming Pup
ETA93384



**The Mindfulness
Alphabet Big Book**
MJ1078



**Raindrops
Canopy**
ZH2003



**MTA Spaces
Ocean Cushions**
LIJ2012K

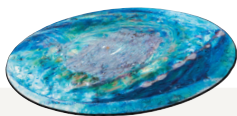


Sleeping spaces

In a little one's home away from home, a safe, sleeping space is all-important. We design purposeful, calming and thoughtful spaces that respond to children's need for quiet time, rest and sleep. Think a quiet, safe space for sleep and dreams.



Get the look



**Tania Niwa Paua
Shell Soft Memory
Foam Carpet**
LIJ2087



**SafeSpace
Ergonomic Cot,
Mattress & Drawer**
SST131-WB



**Billyara Songline
Indigenous
Cushions**
LIJ008K



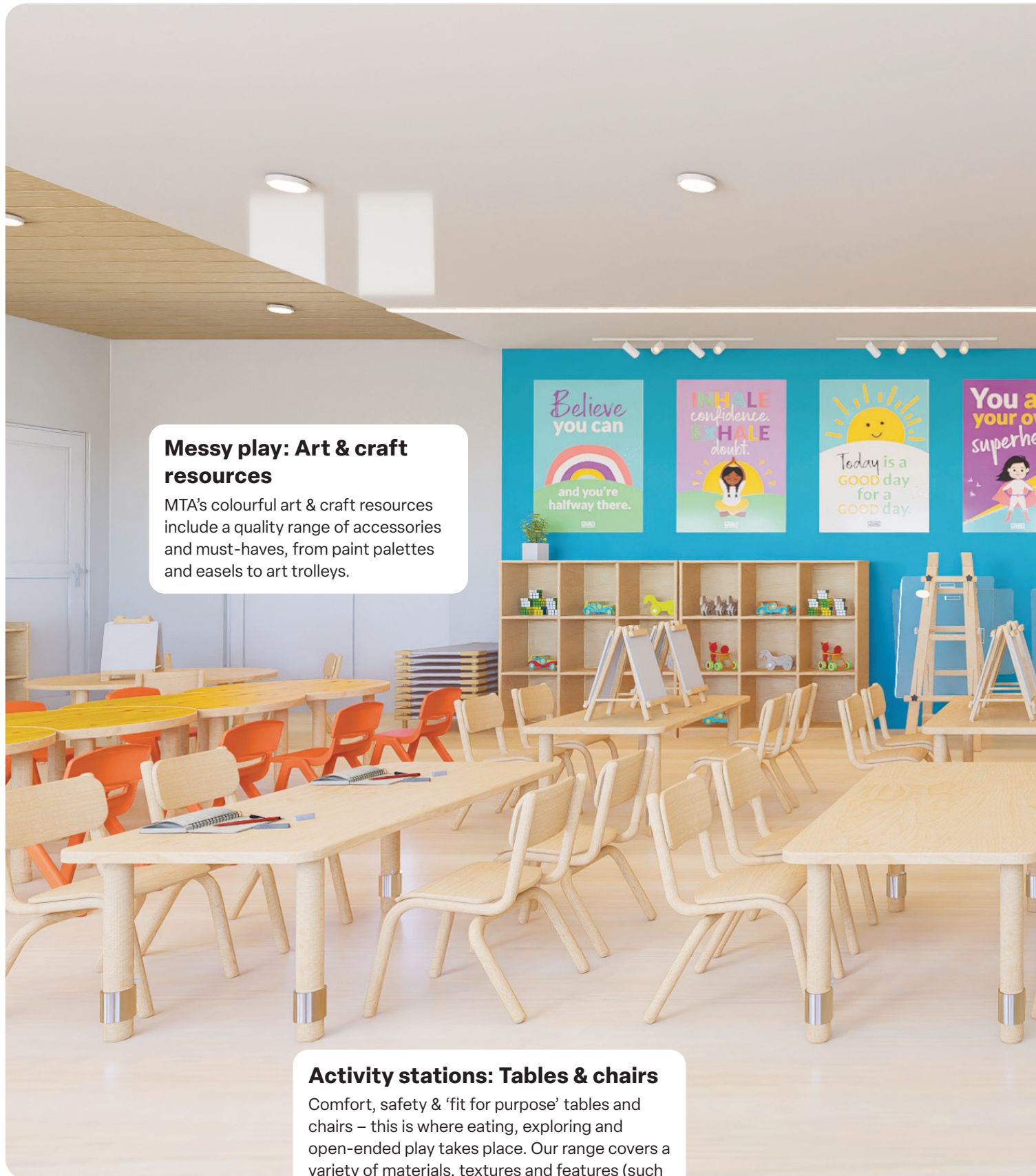
**Max & Rosie
Bamboo Waffle
Blanket**
BUB413



**Aalto Full Size High
Back Arm Chair**
ALT300

How will you fill your brilliant learning space?

Providing flexible furnishing options AND filling it with an inspiring range of educational resources - that's the MTA difference. How could your new space look?



Messy play: Art & craft resources

MTA's colourful art & craft resources include a quality range of accessories and must-haves, from paint palettes and easels to art trolleys.

Activity stations: Tables & chairs

Comfort, safety & 'fit for purpose' tables and chairs – this is where eating, exploring and open-ended play takes place. Our range covers a variety of materials, textures and features (such as height-adjustable legs or stackable chairs).

Technology time: Healthy tech solutions

Talk to us about how digital technology in your centre can support learning outcomes of the EYLF, is educator-friendly and activity-packed for exploration.

Book nooks: Centrepieces for your centre

Create a focus piece for your centre that is practical and eye-catching. A reading tree creates a sense of wonder and provides a nook for reading, quiet time and reflection.

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Play time: Exploratory spaces

Our exploratory play spaces ensure sensory play and the wonder of discovery is never far away.

Storage superstars: Shelving solutions

Space divider, storage, room feature... ask about multi-purpose storage as functional as it is fab! Then fill those shelves with MTA resources – books, educational games and toys!

Snuggle up: Armchairs & sofas

Educators and children need a place to read, rest and recharge. An adult armchair can be excellent for educator-led activities. Ask about sofa chairs and sofas to complete your space.

Breakout spaces: Cushions & carpets

Carpets create definition and atmosphere. Our range of mats, carpets, low chairs and cushion seats are ideal for little ones wanting to find a quiet corner, enjoy circle time or group activities.

Communal spaces

Social or group spaces build a sense of community and togetherness. These shared spaces are a place for small group play and collaboration. Dining also makes a wonderful communal experience. Think long buffet tables or outdoor picnic tables for al fresco afternoon snacks, play time and laughter with friends.



MTA are our provider of choice. They make the time to get to know who we are and understand our culture and philosophy.

Helen Ketley, General Manager, Stepping Stone (SA) Childcare & Early Development Centres



Get the look



SafeSpace Toddler Group Table
SST2103



SafeSpace Round Toddler Stool
SST5106



Felt Stacking Set
PAPKIT2



MTA Spaces Woven Basket with Handles
CHH188061



Stackable Cups Set
JYN069



Physical play spaces

Indoors or outdoors, the benefits of physical play and movement in early childhood are so many – from gross motor skill development to balance, coordination, a healthy mindset and team building. We have incredible resources to fill these essential and fun spaces in your centre.



Get the look



Wooden Walk Board
S1060



Edusante Large Trike
WY5501



Technicolour Walkboard Set
DMP1301K



Weplay Twin Walker
WY905-4



Foam Ring Toss Game
BRU481

Outdoor spaces

Beautifully imagined outdoor environments encourage active play and develop fine and gross motor skills as children climb, explore and enjoy a variety of sensory engagements. A well-considered outdoor space can be the most loved and enchanting space for little ones, with nature, sunshine and fresh air as its gorgeous backdrop.

Why not start with an outdoor sand, water or mud table (mmm... mud pies, sand cookies and potion play!), outdoor artist painting wall, outdoor trolley to hold all those essential artist supplies, a playhouse, play barbecue, exploration kit and oversize cushions that invite fun?

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Our vision was to create an environment that fostered children’s curiosity, exploration and met their developmental needs in our indoor and outdoor spaces. I was very pleased with not only the quality and appearance of the MTA resources, but the large range of resources.

Redfern Cottage



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Harmony Outdoor Moveable Play Kitchen
HMY10243



Outdoor Water Pump Kit
ANP116K



Harmony Education Outdoor Rainbow House
HMY608



Outdoor Artist Painting Wall
CS1244



Funnel Table & Slide Set
MR0183K



Storage spaces

Every early childhood environment needs to consider storage spaces – those functional spaces that let you stow it, stack it, store it and provide a place to easily reach for your resources, supplies and hygiene essentials that keep your centre sparkling clean.

Discover clever shelving and storage in all sorts of shapes: lockable storage, portable trolley storage, clever book display storage, versatile open-ended storage, art supply storage and wonderful solutions for your little ones' jackets, shoes, belongings and dress ups!

Get the look



Stockholm Book Storage Box
ACH20213



Norwegia Spaces Locker Storage
NOR1002



MTA Spaces Seagrass Baskets
SHT055



Aurum Spaces Open Back Triple Shelf Cabinets Kit
AUR002GK



Stockholm Spaces Display Stand
STK8618

Our success stories

MTA project manages over 300 new build projects every year. Take a look at some of the learning environments we've helped to transform. Working with some visionary educators, we've helped to create places of inspiration and engagement.



Altona Early Years Hub



John Paul College



I STEAM Ahead



ELM Tree Centre

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Creating a new centre was my challenge but it was a huge success because of the team at MTA! The entire process ran smoothly from ordering to delivery, they even unpacked, assembled and took away all the boxes. I was amazed with the range and quality of STEM/STEAM resources they offered and as a result I am proud to run a STEAM program in early learning with thanks to MTA.

Moira Battikha. Owner of I STEAM Ahead, Brookvale



Stepping Stone (SA) Childcare



Redfern Cottage

Lead Childcare Centre



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We're a brand-new purpose-built centre so required a complete fit out of all our educational and furniture requirements. Our MTA Rep was there from start to finish and guided us through the whole process. I found their online range of products of very high quality covering all areas of the curriculum. The furniture fit out is beautiful natural timber that is very aesthetically pleasing, and durable for children to use and educators to keep clean. Nothing was ever too much trouble.

TLC Early Learning, Mordialloc Vic

How we can help

MTA can help you with a complete solution to create and fill your learning space – from furniture, soft furnishings, décor, storage, tech products such as an interactive flat panel or robotics, through to a wide and wonderful range of age-appropriate quality educational resources. We make it easy and love helping you to create brilliant learning spaces.



Consultation

Free discovery session

Personalised service talking through your pedagogical needs, colour scheme, theme, uses for the space(s), number of children in the rooms.



Customised quote

Proposal & quote tailored to your needs

Personalised quote tailored to your desired look and feel, geography, spaces and budget.



CAD designs

3D modelling for large projects

We help you choose colours, furniture and furnishings, then using our CAD tool, we create a 3D model of the space.



Delivery & installation

Managed and supported delivery of all goods & resources

Orders are packed by room or learning space.

Plus, we manage and support delivery to your specified location, equipment assembly and rubbish removal.



Aftersales support

Continuity of care with your dedicated MTA Consultant

Minimum 12-month warranty on all resources.

All resources & equipment compliant with Australian Safety Standards.

Enjoy ongoing aftersales service and support.

Bringing your vision to life

For large projects, we can provide 3D modelling of the space. By enlisting our CAD (computer aided design) tool, you see your vision come to life in a 3D floorplan.

If you need a Learning Environment Model, our inhouse CAD designer can show you how your centre or school will look in a three-dimensional image.

Together, through 3D modelling, we can create the ideal space:

1. We work with you on your vision
2. Choose colours/furniture, areas, furnishings
3. We create CAD 3D images
4. You see your space before we create it

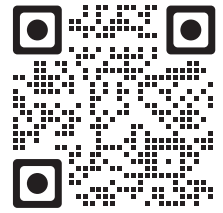


Talk to your MTA
Rep about 3D
modelling for your
centre project.

From discovery to delivery, we make your learning space vision come to life.

Book a free discovery session

Speak to an expert about your brilliant new learning space. Talking through your pedagogical needs or wish list items will help you plan your space more efficiently. An MTA Consultant will help unlock ideas such as theme, colour scheme and the type of learning you want students to experience in the space.



Bigger plans?

If you have a large project, we'll work closely with your architect, builder or designer to plan, create and realise your new learning space.

To learn more about MTA's range of learning space and furniture resources, visit our website. To connect with your local Consultant, reach out to MTA by phone on 1800 251 497 or email sales@teaching.com.au