



**TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION offers exciting and unique opportunities for your child – it's a great way for them to have fun while developing important skills for our rapidly changing technological society.**

Technology education is for children of all ages and levels. As part of their core curriculum from Years 1-10, Technology students develop skills such as research and planning, problem-solving, teamwork, construction and a wide range of practical skills.

A recent project at Otaki Kindergarten provides a great example of the rich and varied experiences that Technology offers. Students did their bit for their school by designing and constructing their own outdoor furniture using recycled and donated materials.

Students researched various chair designs and two prototypes were made to ensure stability and safety.

"We all learnt from this exercise," says Teacher Sue Barrett. "There was communication of all sorts, opportunities for sharing and turn-taking, tools that had to be used appropriately and problems to be understood and overcome – the students showed perseverance and patience."



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