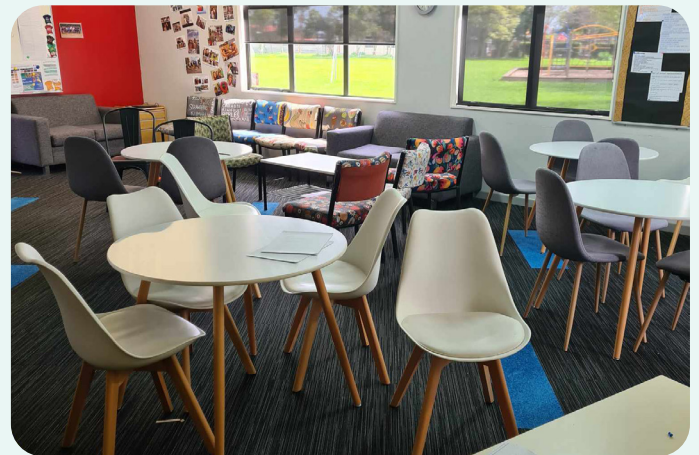




“the staff were gobsmacked! the comments were amazing, all so positive. people who had previously found the staffroom overwhelming found it an inviting and amazing place to be in.”

Tracy Thorn | Principal
Milson Primary School | Palmerston North, NZ



Before - A “mismatched creation”

When Tracy Thorn, Principal at Milson Primary School in Palmerston North, approached Furnware, she had the goal of creating a space for her staff that was calming, tidy and welcoming.

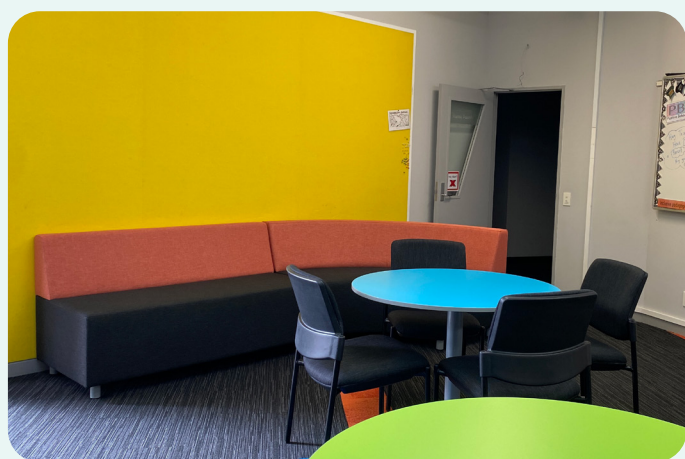
Previously, staff members had tried to save money by either re-covering existing chairs themselves or bringing in chairs. This meant they developed a staffroom that was overwhelmingly mismatched, and hard to move around in.



Tiered seating options created with Soft Furnishings from our **Base Collection** and our **Gather High Table** paired with **Ascend Bar Stools**



Gather High Table and **Ascend Bar Stools**



Base Couches and **Venice Linea Chairs** paired with **Round Disc Base Tables**

Tracy recognised the importance of the space for her staff and their wellbeing, approaching her “super-supportive board” who approved the idea, and with that the new staffroom was underway. Furnware Account Manager, Marianne Elliot, used the Furnware 3D floor planner app to draft up some layout options that offered a range of different seating solutions. The new plans included staff break-out zones with soft seating, tiered seating to facilitate meetings, and round tables to allow for discussion and cafe-style seating.

The range of seating heights opened up the space and reduced the feeling of clutter, all while maintaining the ability to seat 40 staff.

Tracy arranged for Furnware to install the furniture over the school holidays so that the staff could be welcomed back with the surprise of a refreshed space.

The staff were amazed at the difference in space, “it’s airy, it’s fresh, it all matches and goes together and we can actually have conversations without the chairs wobbling around!” One of the volunteers who reads with children noticed that kids enjoy reading while sitting on couches, and thanks to the new space, they can now bring the kids into the staffroom and do so.

With the new seating arrangements, staff are now able to have meetings in the staffroom, something that they haven’t been able to do in many years. They love the range of different seating - “high, low, in sun, out of sun, curved, straight, open, colourful - and most of all, an amazing shaming welcoming place to be during break times.”