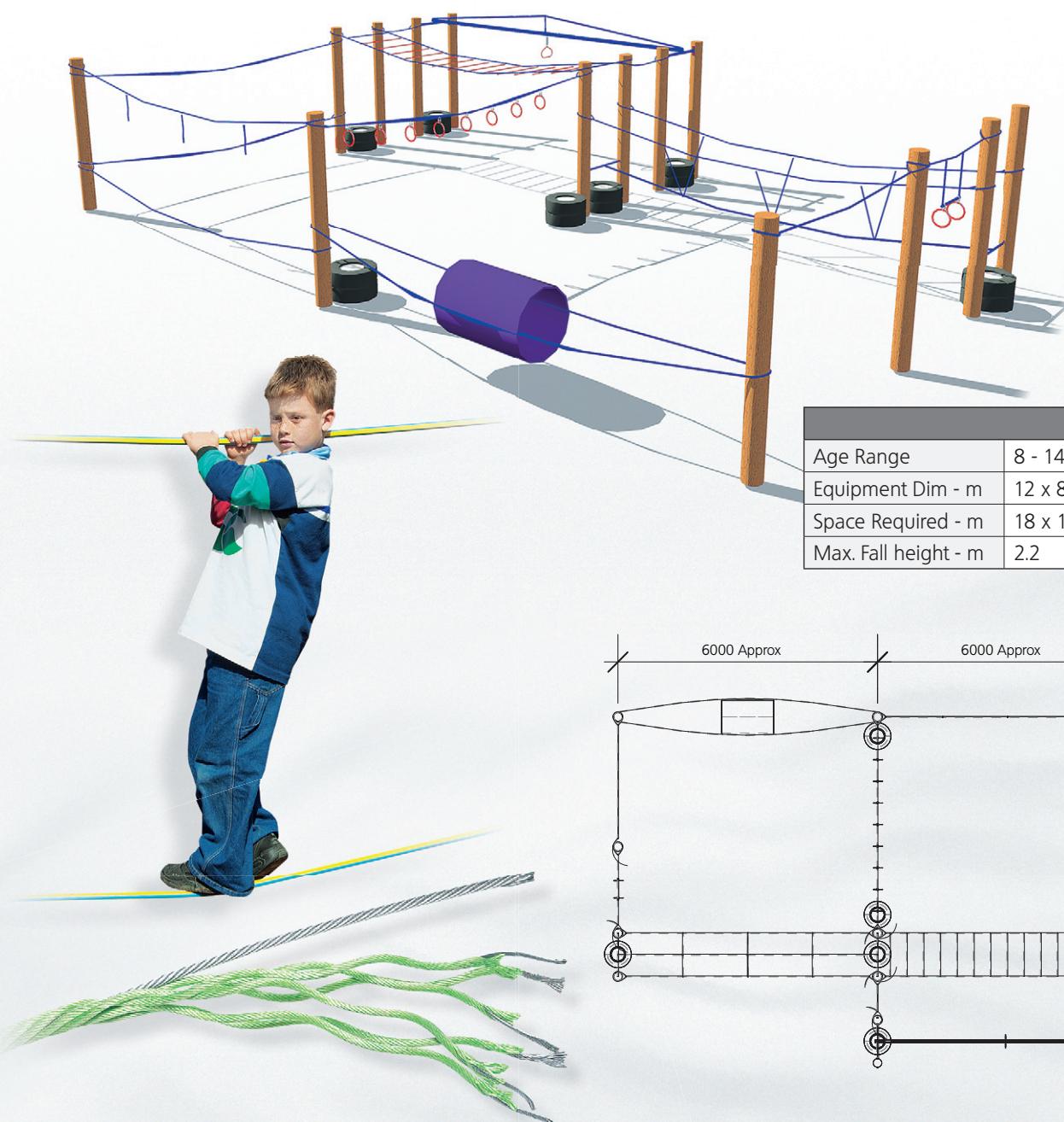


Commando Course



Nelson Intermediate Plan

This Commando Course style playground, designed for Nelson Intermediate School, is a change from more conventional designs. The school was keen to have a lot of ropes and equipment that moves, challenging and improving the children's strength and fitness as they learn to master it.

All the ropes and nets for PLAYGEAR™ commando style playgrounds and playground equipment are made from high quality Netform ropes and fittings. The ropes are made from tightly woven strands of polypropylene that cover a core of galvanised steel wire. This gives them a soft feel as well as great strength and durability. Tough fittings make sure the ropes stay where they are meant to, and are designed so kids can play without being at risk of injury from sharp exposed cable ends.

Nelson Intermediate Principal Joe Mason gave this equipment an enthusiastic endorsement in the local

newspaper, saying it's different from a traditional adventure playground:

"It's not a fixed unit, it moves; which requires the children to be much more adaptable in terms of strength. There does not appear to be much to it. Its just rope and wooden poles. However, it is much more demanding than fixed, inflexible sets of equipment. Because of the constant movement in the rope it requires additional strength and flexibility to hold on."

"The all - age facility complements traditional equipment superbly. It is very popular and has been in constant use since day one. We have noted an improved attitude to physical activity over time as children's upper body strength increases" he said.

(See also page 65 which shows a custom designed Commando Course)