

Warakirri College Fairfield's Students and Teachers Welcome Fantastic Furniture's Christmas Gift

The Christmas spirit was in the air at Warakirri College Fairfield this week thanks to a much-needed donation of sofas from leading retailer Fantastic Furniture.

A total of five brand new sofas in shades of navy and vibrant teal were delivered to the school, and have been wholeheartedly welcomed by students, teachers and administrators.

Three sofas have been installed in a student common area to replace worn furniture; feedback from students describes the new additions as 'super comfortable' and 'great for hanging out'. One sofa has gone to the counsellor's office, where there's plenty of traffic; and the last to the library, which also doubles as a quiet room for students who need to recharge.

"The environment here is what makes Warakirri different. Our partnership with Fantastic has enabled us to provide our students with a beautiful, comfortable environment that helps them feel safe and able to be themselves. And when they feel comfortable, they're better placed to learn and thrive," said Jennifer Lawrence, Head of Campus at Warakirri College Fairfield.

"These donations have a practical aspect too: the money we've saved on these sofas is now able to be spent on providing our students with more opportunities to learn."

MTC Australia has enjoyed a mutually beneficial partnership with Fantastic Furniture since 2014. Fantastic has furnished rooms at MTC Auburn and Parramatta, as well as both Warakirri College campuses at Fairfield and Blacktown; offered work experience opportunities to MTC SEE (Skills for Education & Employment) students; and employed young people from the Transition to Work program.

"Fantastic Furniture is thrilled to have been associated with MTC and Warakirri College since 2014. As a company that began from humble origins in Western Sydney in 1989, this area has always been close to the heart of everything we do," said Adam Davies, GM Retail at Fantastic.

"While both MTC and Fantastic have grown from humble origins to leaders in our respective fields, there is a synergy between our companies – and that is our desire to help people bring their dreams to life."

"We are proud to continue supporting Warakirri with a retail and warehouse work experience program, giving students opportunities to experience and learn valuable skills in a retail environment," Mr Davies continued. "We're extremely impressed with the great work the team at MTC do, and proud to be associated."

About Warakirri College Warakirri College is an independent high school for young people aged 15–22 completing their Year 10 and Higher School Certificate. Students have disconnected from mainstream schools due to peer relations difficulties like bullying or gender issues, mental health challenges such as anxiety or depression, complex family backgrounds, refugee experience or parenthood.

Warakirri is an independent high school with campuses at Fairfield and Blacktown. As a social impact initiative of MTC Australia, students do not pay fees and are provided with textbooks, food and other resources. Graduates typically progress to University, TAFE, private colleges and employment.

About MTC Australia MTC is the social enterprise that gives people the inspiration, capability and opportunity to create a fulfilling life. We deliver high impact employment, training and youth programs that help more than 15,000 people every year to gain skills for employment and entrepreneurship, build self-worth, and enable possibilities for transformative change.

About Fantastic Furniture The Fantastic Furniture story begins with a humble stall at Sydney Parklea markets back in 1989. Today we're proud to be Australia's best value furniture and bedding retailer. With 78 stores right across Australia and over 1,000 passionate team members, we're always ready to help.

We have a huge range of furniture available both in-store and online, including our own range of sofas and mattresses that are proudly made right here in Australia! We also know that visiting stores searching for that perfect office storage solution, kids' furniture, dining table or furniture package can be time-consuming, which is why we offer a huge selection of affordable furniture online, so you can find everything you need in one place and browse from the comfort of your own home!

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