



An open grass playing field can be transformed into a magical playspace.



Case Study:

Grass Playing Field

Phuket International Academy Day School
Primary and Middle School Playground

Healthy & Creative Play

Rather than developing this grass playing field into “just another playground” it can be transformed into a magical place that invites exploration and discovery and encourages exercise and imaginative play and self expression.

Walking from the classroom building through a vine-covered gateway onto an open grassy field children are invited to ‘let loose’; run, roll, kick a ball around or lie back and watch the clouds. A grove of native trees and tall plummy grass give shade to out of the way sitting spots. Huge boulders, a big, long log, and a rope climber offer a variety of options for exercise and play.

A grassy hill to run up, slide down, and crawl under, a living bamboo twig tunnel to crawl through, sand to dig in, raised ‘tree’ houses to play in, and lots of ‘loose parts’ to move around and use as play props are all parts of well-designed sets on a stage for healthy and creative play.