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School Lockers Case Study

ABBOTSLEIGH

An Anglican Pre K-12 School for Girls



Davell regularly collaborates with primary and secondary schools to produce Australian made lockers that fit the needs of today's students.

Davell's large range of lockers offers attractive, durable and functional storage solutions for busy schools. They can accommodate school backpacks, sports bags, laptops, text books, school blazers and personal items – as well as special art projects and musical instruments – all in the safety of a secure steel locker.

Davell has provided lockers for Abbotsleigh, a long-established leader in girls' education from pre-Kindergarten to Year 12, catering to day students and boarders located across two campuses in Wahroonga, NSW. The school has very active students and a thriving school house competition.

Abbotsleigh's locker needs

Initially, Abbotsleigh required some 170 lockers for their senior school students in 2018. A representative from Davell met with Abbotsleigh's Director of Property, Mr Simon Jarrett to obtain the full brief and to understand the specific requirements of the project.

The importance of Australian made was key for Mr Jarrett, highlighting that the school took into account the fact that Davell's steel lockers were Australian made when making their purchase decision. "We like to source products locally where possible for environmental reasons and to support Australian industries," Mr Jarrett said.

Product quality and customer service were also important considerations when choosing Davell, with Mr Jarrett adding, "I love Davell's can-do attitude and willingness to always listen to customers, as well as their drive to constantly improve their products."





Functionality and Locking

When it came to **functionality**, the type of the lock was a major consideration along with easy code settings and the ability to pass on **locking** instructions to students. At Abbotsleigh, each senior school student was provided with a locker, fitted with a mechanical 3 dial combination lock.

Davell recommended this style of lock with Mr Jarrett commenting that there have, to date, been “zero breakdown and smooth day-to-day operations”. He also added his own tips for locking functionality, producing an instructional video for the students.

House Colours

Abbotsleigh opted for the locker designs to reflect the school’s House colours and with eight Houses in the Senior School the effect is vibrant and special.

“We are really happy to be using our bright House colours on the locker doors – it’s made the environment feel playful and it enhances the girls' connection to their House,” Mr Jarrett said.

Mr Jarrett's tips for choosing the right lockers

When planning your locker project, consultation with all relevant stakeholders is critical.

Mr Jarrett recommends consulting with students and Year Advisors/Co-ordinators to determine the size and design of the locker that best suits your needs. Davell staff can guide you in terms of options. He advises, “Don’t rush. Plan well in advance. Plot the layout carefully on a floorplan and again walk through it with Davell staff.”

The planning phase will help identify different factors in the locker environment and as Mr Jarrett points out “If you have uneven floors, consider going with an adjustable plinth to ensure the lockers line up beautifully.”





Davell's results

The reaction from Abbotsleigh's students has been resoundingly positive, with the lockers fitting the bill for a wide range of bulky items including back-pack bags, sports bags, hats, blazers, laptops, folders, textbooks, tennis racquets and hockey sticks. And it's not a memorable school locker without some individuality, Mr Jarrett adds "Our girls like to add a personal touch to the inside of the door with photos etc."

Abbotsleigh were so pleased with their first order in 2018 that they purchased more than 350 lockers in 2019 - a very positive affirmation of the decision to partner with Davell.

Mr Jarrett confirms, "Davell projects are delivered on time, to specification and are of high quality. Every staff-member, from designer to installer, is a pleasure to deal with."

Conclusion

Davell has been delighted to work with Abbotsleigh to provide a fit for purpose locker solution and for other local schools including Ravenswood School for Girls, The Illawarra Grammar School, Brigidine College - St Ives, Presbyterian Ladies College - Sydney, Methodist Ladies College - Burwood, OLMC - Parramatta and The Kings School - Parramatta.

Things to consider when ordering your lockers

Size

What do you want your lockers to hold? And how many doors per locker do you require?

Location

Where will the lockers be located? Under an awning or semi-exposed to the elements?

Colour & Finish

What colour or finish do you want for your lockers? Do you want your lockers to reflect house colours or feature school crests?

Locking

What type of lock best suits your school and administration purposes? Do you want electronic, keyless or smartcard locks linked to student ID cards?

Features

Do you want sloping tops to prevent unsightly storage on top of the locker?

Charging Lockers

Do you want lockers that charge and store laptops, tablets and phones?

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