

ARCHITECTURE IN FOCUS 11 EDUCATION

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
GREENSBOROUGH, VICTORIA

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ST MARY'S DISCOVERY CENTRE - COMPLETED 2013



The construction of the first parish building at St Mary's in 1956 (designed by Smith + Tracey) was a temporary parish church and hall structure, which was then extended and converted to form some of the schools original classrooms. In more recent times this same building has again been converted to form the schools new Discovery Centre.

A pivotal component within the sites recent building construction program, the aim was to establish a cohesive learning environment which created a union between contemporary learning and discovery based spaces, in a stimulating environment which celebrates the potential for global 'inclusive' learning, or the opportunity for individual research and exploration.

Catering for a range of settings which supports and interacts with the various learning and discovery based programs, it incorporates a Discovery Centre, IT facilities and a number of open-planned learning areas.

The resultant modifications have transformed the building into a vibrant cohesive expression of collaborative and inclusive learning for the school and broader community.



ST MARY'S ADMIN & MAIN GLA BUILDING - COMPLETED 2014



The new Administration Building formed the final stage in an overall redevelopment and revitalisation scheme for the school and parish aimed at consolidating new and existing facilities.

As a significant part of an overall Master Plan exercise for the site, the brief was developed with an emphasis placed on linking existing building structures with the outcomes planned for the site as a whole.

Building forms have been generated by the sites natural environment and its surroundings, whilst internal modifications to existing learning facilities have created dynamic physical and visual connections between spaces, with a strong emphasis placed on flexibility and adaptability.

Whilst successfully being able to celebrate its heritage, the recent building program has also re-generated a sense of pride within the parish community fostered by an environment which fosters a desire to explore, collaborate and learn.

Project Value: \$3,500,000



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