



Arts West, University of Melbourne

Project Details

Client: Faculty of Arts, The University of Melbourne
 Location: Melbourne, VIC
 Approx. Value: \$67m
 Floor Area: 10 000 m²
 Completed: July, 2016

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Awards

Australian Institute of Architects (VIC), Educational Architecture, 2017

Australian Institute of Architects (VIC): COLORBOND® Award for Steel Architecture

Australian Interior Design Awards, Public Design - Commendation, 2017

Learning Environments Australasia Awards for Excellence, Overall Winner, 2017

Learning Environments Australasia Awards for Excellence, An Education Initiative or a Design Solution for an Innovative Program, 2017

Learning Environments Australasia Awards for Excellence, New Construction / New Individual Facility - Commendation, 2017

Master Builders Association (VIC), Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings \$30m - \$80m, 2017

National Australian Institute of Buildings, Commercial Construction \$25m to \$100m, 2017

National Australian Institute of Building, Professional Excellence Awards, National Winner, 2017

The Arts West Redevelopment at the University of Melbourne is the new home of the Bachelor of the Arts. With its world class object based learning laboratories, integrated displays and digital studio, the Arts West development presents a significant opportunity for students to engage with the University's archives and collections in new and exciting ways, enriching their experience and understanding of different cultures, eras and ideas.

Outside, the visual impact is immediate with representations of images from the University's rich Cultural Collections. These images are abstract, encouraging exploration and interpretation – like the process of enquiry and revelation which underpins learning and discovery.

The new building, built over 7 levels on Professors Walk opposite the heritage Old Arts Faculty Building, provides

the University's Arts Precinct with a dedicated, high-quality teaching and learning environment. The innovative design directly influences the way the Bachelor of Arts is taught with an emphasis on informal learning spaces and the use of space as a catalyst for the creation of learning communities.

Professor Mark Considine, Dean, Faculty of Arts said the entire building makes an impression inside and out. "The focus of Arts West on immersive, interactive and collaborative learning is unsurpassed in the Asia Pacific region. This is the new force in humanities and social sciences teaching and research," he said.

Architectus and ARM Architecture designed and delivered the project in joint venture.