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Case study

University of Melbourne





## Muzo furniture - an investment in innovation by the University of Melbourne

Award winning, progressive architect, Ben Lornie of PTID architecture, designed two new multipurpose learning environments for the University of Melbourne. The Kwong Lee Dow Centre, a multipurpose environment that caters to the needs of students and the university alike by combining student spaces with flexible learning environments. And studioFIVE which is a teaching, research and engagement centre.













Both sites have won numerous design awards and a special LEA commendation, the judges said the Studio Five facility “challenges preconceived notions of educational space and speaks to the future of education through its reconfigurability and intuitive use”.

“The Kwong Lee Dow centre is a multipurpose learning environment that caters to the contemporary needs of student and university alike by combining detailed student spaces with highly flexible learning environments that can be easily modified from large scale examination venue, to intimate learning environment. Smart storage with reconfigurable Muzo Kite furniture delivers an integrated facility of endless configurations to suit the changing and diverse needs of the University of Melbourne”

Showcasing the design and use of engaging and innovative learning spaces and programs to improve learning outcomes for students, the awards were judged by key members of LEA, the peak body, advocating for quality and innovation in learning environments whose membership includes over 700 educators, architects, designers, planners and policy makers.

The University of Melbourne is the fast rising star of global higher education, ranking number 1 in Australia and 32 in the world.

Jon Peacock is the University of Melbourne Director of Space Management. “It was important to us that the investment in these buildings was an investment in innovation. The furniture had to be more amenable to the individual student” He further explained “As a University for decades we had grappled with the challenges of having a more flexible space, now we have truly achieved the ultimate solution”

Jon states “These projects are the physical embodiment of the ambition of the University to be world class and continuously innovative. We are so delighted to be a beacon for the future of education environments and proud to host visitors from Universities around the world who have all acclaimed these environments”

Professor Wes Imms is the University Head of Visual Art and Designing Learning Environments: “How do we get teachers to look at a space and say”... “i know i am already a good teacher but this space allows me to be a better teacher”...”That's the strength of a place like this. It pushes learning to the next level and that's exactly what these rooms have done and all of the teachers here will tell you that.”

Congratulations to Architect Ben Lornie PTID Melbourne, Christian Stryboch of Muzo dealer partner Plusworkspace and Team Muzo led by Muzo CEO Darren Buttle.















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