

Swanbury Penglase

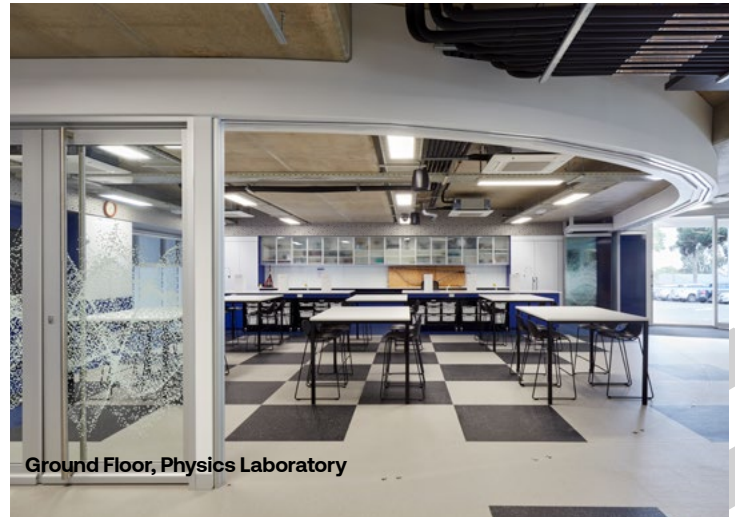
#77 We're back at last after the holidays with another Mad March issue of Site Notes! Our team has grown rapidly so enjoy the update of office news and a recently completed education project we are pleased to showcase. Enjoy your Easter break!



Main Entry,
St Peter's Girls' New Science Centre



Ground Floor, Chemistry Laboratory
with view to Preparation Space



Ground Floor, Physics Laboratory

St Peter's Girls' Science Centre

It is exciting and inspiring to be living in an age of such rapid and transformational developments in science and technology. Like many fields of human activity, architecture has seen enormous enhancements in information technology that enable us to achieve great results in a fraction of the time it used to, and to be able to explore and communicate them far more vividly and thoroughly than we ever thought possible.

The field of education is similarly being transformed and one of the enduring sources of satisfaction for us is developing educational environments that reflect the burgeoning opportunities and challenges facing students today. One particularly rewarding project has been the new Science Centre at St Peter's Girls' College.

As always, the accommodation brief constitutes just the bare bones of the project - the real value emerges in meeting that brief in a way that inspires and brings delight. Our client's visions and aspirations are invaluable in development of the qualitative aspects of the brief and it has been a pleasure working closely again with the great team at Saints Girls. Their passion and enthusiasm for education is always inspiring and translates into exciting learning environments.

The project involves a suite of science facilities catering to all the key disciplines, incorporating labs and glasshouse as well as expansion of space for Visual Arts, an upgrade of the new pool and new change rooms. The school has been particularly appreciative of details such as adaptability and flexibility of space and use of natural light. In a time when we not only benefit so much from science and technology in our everyday endeavours but also depend on them so profoundly for solutions to the multiple challenges facing us, it has been a privilege to be involved with this project.



Ground Floor, Biology Laboratory

Office News

Summer has already turned to Autumn and we have lots of updates to share from the office since the end of 2019! We returned to the screens on January 6 following a safe and relaxing festive season, with our annual end-of-year celebration being held at the recently revamped local watering hole Sparkke at the Whitmore.

An elegant dinner was swiftly devoured with boutique brews and evening entertainment in the traditional form of the prestigious Golden Swanny Awards. After years of making us laugh at but mostly with each other, veteran hosting duo Senior Interior Designer Jasmine Brooksby and Landscape Architect Lana Greer retired from their professional comedian roles. The crowns were passed on to Graduate of Architecture Taylor Angel and Architect Ted Bouchier, who will have big shoes to fill!

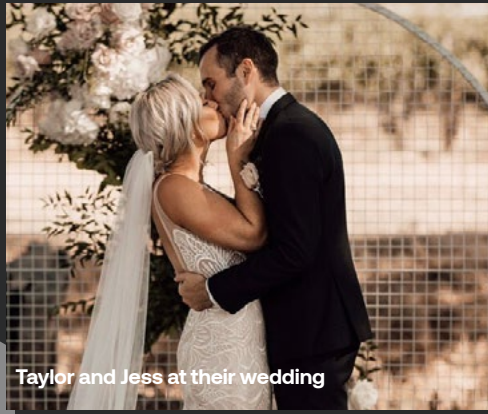
Congratulations to Taylor and his wife Jess who tied the knot on 25th January at Mitolo Wines in McLaren Vale. Minor 'golf cart incident' aside for Taylor that weekend, everything went beautifully according to plan and we wish them both a very happy married life together. Architect Marty Frost and his partner Jess also announced a pigeon pair with the safe arrival of their second child Hope Ethel Frost on 17th February.

Some more good news in strange times... a warm welcome to many new faces in the office as we expand to keep up with the workload! Landscape Architect Frank Smith joins forces with our formidable landscape team and Graduate Interior Designer Vlad Kaleynik joins interior architecture, while Tracey Roe rejoins since mid-2017 as submission coordinator.

Welcome to Graduates of Architecture Gabe Lever-Brine, Angus Mortimer, Heloise Schioldann, Sam Rosenzweig, Fraser Murison, Dora Watson, Aaron Fox and Emma Dohrmann as well as Senior Designer James Thomson who joins us from London. Among these new faces the seasoned pros remain, and we commend Associate Architect Dion Byas for his 20th anniversary with Swanbury Penglase!

For the intrepid amongst us, recent months provided the chance to get away. Landscape Architect Rhea Barnett spent three weeks exploring Vietnam with highlights including mountain hikes, canyoning tours and an abandoned water park. Graduate of Architecture Sam Rosenzweig took off for a fortnight in early February to traverse Tasmania on two wheels, climbing over 17 000m and enjoying the varied landscape of the island and the MONA Museum.

Meanwhile in New Zealand Graduate of Architecture Emma Dohrmann celebrated her birthday and recent graduation, indulging in paragliding and the world's biggest swing for her quarter life crisis. At the same time in her hometown of Cape Town, Graduate of Architecture Bettina Koch visited family with some highlights including the Federer v Nadal 'Match in Africa', full moon hiking and sunset sailing in the harbour. Phew! Until the next issue!



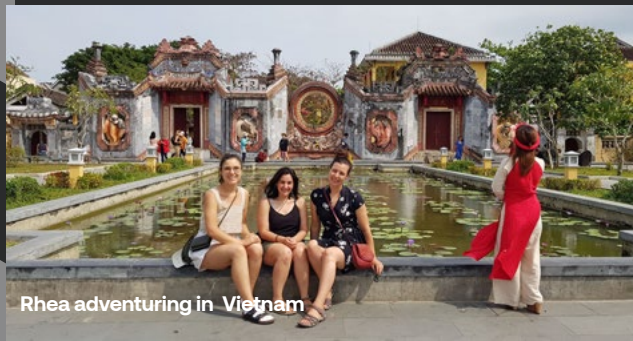
Taylor and Jess at their wedding



Marty's baby daughter



Emma paragliding in Queenstown, New Zealand



Rhea adventuring in Vietnam

Name: Victor Ho

Position in firm: Graduate of Architecture

Current projects: St Andrew's Primary School New Building & SA Pathology

What inspires you? Moments defined by the smile in someone's eyes

Design idol: Zaha Hadid

Fav building: La Sagrada Familia

Pencil vs computer? Pencil all the way

Fav eatery: Mamak back home in Malaysia

Design you wish you could take credit for: The Japanese drainage canal system, filled with majestic Koi fish eating away people's daily food scraps

Most treasured possession: My tropical plant collection

Best thing about living in Adelaide: The romantic hills and vineyards... nah - wine, always the wine!

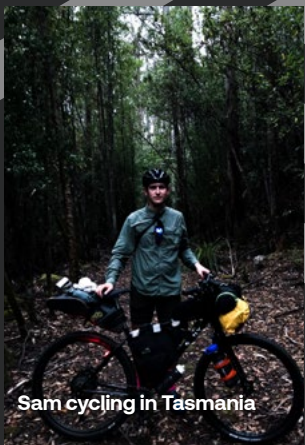
Motto in life: "30 seconds of insane courage for every decision beyond your comfort zone"

Superpower (if you could have one): Omnikinesis (ability to mentally control anything)

Memorable SPA (by this I mean Swanbury Penglase) moment:

Nominated for Golden Swanny for my mixology skills (Milo, butter and a pinch of salt, yum!)

Staff Notes



Sam cycling in Tasmania



Bettina hiking in Cape Town, South Africa