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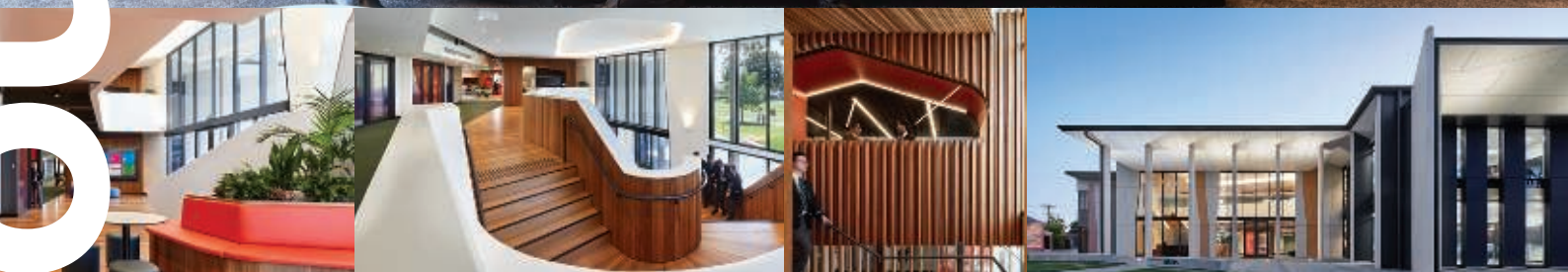
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#83 In this issue, we bring to you the stunningly detailed and award-winning Blackfriars Priory School Aquinas Centre. Take a look!

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Blackfriars Priory School, Aquinas Centre

Creating spaces for our future generations to learn, discover and thrive in is at the core of all our Educational projects.

We were thrilled to receive a Commendation for Interior Architecture at the Australian Institute of Architects (SA Chapter) awards, celebrating the success of the Blackfriars Priory School Aquinas Centre.

Signalling a new era for the School with the first new stand-alone building project on site since 1980, the Aquinas Centre sits proudly and prominently at the front of the campus on Prospect Road.

As the last few years have shown us, situations can change at a rapid pace and what we know today may be different tomorrow. The Aquinas Centre has been designed to adapt to change in real time, providing a future-focused, agile teaching and learning environment to easily and quickly adjust and support changes in Education.

Delivering a tertiary-style learning environment was an important design driver, reinforcing the School's belief in their senior learners and developing a sense of ownership and responsibility for the space. The floorplate has been planned to encourage collaboration and

self-directed learning, all while being underpinned by a seamless approach to technology. The result is a warm, welcoming and sophisticated learning environment. Good design is all about people. It has the ability to positively impact the user's experience, creating a place where people feel good and want to be. Feedback from the school is that students and teaching staff alike are gravitating to the Aquinas Centre at any opportunity. Hearing the spaces are so well received from the people who occupy them every day, is the best kind of award!

Office News

The warmer, breezier days have crept in. Some office members were eagerly anticipating spring. Sitenotes editor Vitold was recently spotted at Scammells auction, inspecting a coffee table with built in fans.

As usual, the office has been buzzing with exciting happenings with three of our projects winning awards! **Blackfriars Priory School** received a commendation in Interior Architecture, **McAuley Community School** received a commendation for Educational Architecture and a Landscape Architecture award, and **Woodcroft College ELC** received an outstanding four awards from the Institute of Landscape Architecture plus a National Commendation from Learning Environment Australasia.

We are proud to share a number of promotions within the Swanbury Penglase office. Kon Michael will take on the role of Project Director, and Jason Timberlake, Kate Beerworth and Zoe Avon have been elevated to the role of Senior Associate. Frank Smith and Sok Ke have been announced as new Associates. We look forward to another successful year, delivering exceptional projects with our clients.

It's not often that you experience first-hand the projects your colleagues are working on. On June 18th, the SP team went on a site tour of the Aldinga Payinthe College, currently under construction. The sculptural forms of the buildings already sit beautifully within the rolling landscape. The triangular skylights in the double volume Community Building are dramatic and it's easy to imagine how engaging and vibrant this space will become.

Continuing our strong participation in the annual Corporate Cup event, three teams; the Yellow trACERs, Swans & Penguins and the Revit Runners are battling it out in the 4.5km category.

On September 9th, we held a yellow themed morning tea, for R U OK? Day. It was a bright morning with staff clad in all kinds of yellow. It was an opportunity for the office to come together, stay connected and check in with one another. Donations were collected on the day in aid of UniSA's Mental Health Research fund.



Aldinga Payinthe College, Site Tour



Aldinga Payinthe College, Exterior



Aquinas Centre Official Opening



Aldinga Payinthe College, Site Tour



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Yellow Morning Tea Cupcakes



R U OK? Day

Staff Notes

Name: Sam Rosenzweig

Position: Graduate of Architecture

Current projects: St Columba College Middle School, SA Schools PPP (Riverbanks College & Aldinga Payinthe College)

What inspires you? The Rural Vernacular, Ruin, Nature

Design idols: Lindsay Johnston, Alvar Aalto

Design you wished you could take credit for: Delirious New York - Rem Koolhaas or Muuratsalo Experimental House - Aalto

Pencil vs computer (your preference): Both have a time and place

Most treasured possession: One of my bicycles

Best thing about living in Adelaide: Proximity to the hills and the ocean - exploration is on the door step

Fantasy (or next) holiday destination: From point A to point B, somewhere on my bike. (Fantasy would be somewhere internationally) hopefully Melbourne

to Canberra via the Australian Alpine region pending restrictions

First favourite song as a kid: Orinoco Flow - Mum had it on cassette and it would be on repeat

Currently listening to: Goblin, Mort Garson, Clarence Clarity, Oneohtrix Point Never

Superpower (if you could have one): Teleportation

Growing up you thought you would be: Film Director or Architect

Memorable SP (Swanbury Penglase) moment: Most days

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