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## HOLY CROSS COLLEGE 18 Strathmore Pkwy, Ellenbrook

**Architect:** EIW Architects

**Building Contractor:** Absecon Pty Ltd & Sanpro Constructions

### Educational and architectural ideas:

Holy Cross College is a staged, future focused K-12 learning environment that is inclusive, unique and adaptable to changing pedagogies. EIW Architects have worked with the College to develop new buildings that support the different age groups, scaling the buildings to provide integrated external play and learning areas.

General Learning Areas are conceived as having six specific learning zones. For the ELC, these zones included, reading, science, creative play, construction, art, and block corner, whereas in the Secondary House building zones were provided that supported independent, one-to-one, and cooperative group work.

In order to engage the active learner within an active learning environment, corridors were not conceived as merely pathways to and from GLAs, but rather were planned as breakout zones where learning could extend from the confines of the classroom walls.

Originally planned as an 8-12 campus, the College has transitioned into an integrated and seamless K-12 College with no clear delineation of primary vs secondary. The interaction between different year groups is deliberately designed to be incidental with the community spirit evolving through the responsibility given across age groups. Built over 6 stages, the campus is evolving in developing learning opportunities outdoors as well as reflecting a strong sense of story telling surrounding the College patrons.



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### FACTS / FIGURES:

	Gross Floor Area	Final Contract Sum	Cost per m <sup>2</sup>	Building Completion
<b>Stage 3:</b>	2,924m <sup>2</sup>	\$12.0m	\$4,000/m <sup>2</sup>	Jan 2014
<b>Stage 4:</b>	2,655m <sup>2</sup>	\$15.0m	\$4,500/m <sup>2</sup>	Sept 2016
<b>Stage 5:</b>	1,750m <sup>2</sup>	\$12.8m	\$4,500/m <sup>2</sup>	March 2017
<b>Stage 6:</b>	530m <sup>2</sup>	\$1.9m	\$3,500/m <sup>2</sup>	Feb 2019

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The floor plan illustrates the layout of the first floor, featuring a central corridor and passage. Key areas include:

- Kindergarten 1 & 2:** Large green rooms with adjacent Art and Science spaces.
- Science & Art:** Blue rooms, including a dedicated Science room and Art rooms.
- Multipurpose Rooms:** Yellow rooms (Multipurpose 1-4) and GLA 1 & 2.
- Stores:** Seven small grey rooms (Store 1-7) distributed throughout the plan.
- Pre-Primary:** Large pink rooms (Pre-Primary 3 & 4) with adjacent Science and Art spaces.
- Restrooms:** Boys and Girls WCs, and U.A.T. rooms.
- Verandahs:** Outdoor areas surrounding the building.

