

## Learning Environments Australasia 19th Annual Conference

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# **BEEHIVE MONTESSORI SCHOOL 1 Curtin Avenue, Mosman Park**

Architect: EHDO Architecture

#### Building Contractor: Mojo Building

### **Educational and architectural ideas:**

The Beehive Montessori School – an independent school for 250 students aged 3 to 15 – were particularly interested in creating a place where the community - both school and wider - came together, to support, chat and contribute to the Beehive family. Due to its special site next to the ocean, the idea of a Mediterranean Village concept came early in the design process. Nature, the sky and the sea were a crucial engagement for the School's pedagogy. In this built environment people enter into the main piazza and students walk down laneways to their classrooms. The classrooms are specifically designed to offer the children a light filled space to work that encompasses indoor and outdoor learning experiences. A peaceful place for children to develop.

Other built environment outcomes important to the school were;

- a. That it reflected the school ethos and demonstrated the benefits of leading a more sustainable life
- b. Creating a design and construction process that was a learning experience for the school
- c. Having adaptable spaces to suit a range of uses
- d. Ensuring the buildings had low maintenance costs, particularly in regard to its harsh ocean exposure.



#### FACTS / FIGURES:

oss Floor Area	1,060m <sup>2</sup>
nal Contract Sum	\$6.1m (ex GST)
ost per m <sup>2</sup>	\$3,615/m <sup>2</sup> (ex GST)
ilding Completion	2018

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