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## MOTHER TERESA CATHOLIC COLLEGE — STAGES 1, 2 & 3 Eighty Road, Baldivis

**Architect:** Parry and Rosenthal Architects

**Building Contractor:** Pyramid Constructions  
(Stage 1), Focus Building Company (Stages 2 and 3)

### Educational and architectural ideas:

Five years ago, the site for Mother Teresa Catholic College was a disused farmer's paddock. It has now become a young, vibrant and flourishing learning community, a K to 12 school in its 3rd stage of development.

Stages 1 and 2 developed the Junior School with its unique materiality and aesthetics, high visibility throughout and strong connectivity 'in the round' fostering a positive and calming atmosphere, in a secure environment, for all in the college community - children, staff and parents. This has been continued in Stage 3, the first stage of the Secondary School with its clear order and strong connectivity.

The building design has focussed on flexible learning spaces which tangibly support best practice in learning-teaching and enhance 21st century learning with inquiry play-based learning a focus.

Rammed earth has been used extensively throughout the campus, and is one of the largest

rammed earth constructions in Australia. Along with the environmental credentials, this material has established a strong physical presence and identity for the College.

In forming the learning environment, the external spaces were treated with equal importance to the buildings. Separate, age specific learning gardens and play areas where students of differing abilities can engage with the natural environment have been developed. Some areas are active adventure play spaces, some are passive reflection spaces, and some are formal community spaces.

As the College develops and grows it continues to challenge itself, learn from the past and push to the future with strong leadership and vision.

### FACTS / FIGURES:

**Final Contract Sum (ex GST)** Stage 1 – \$7.0m,  
Stage 2 – \$6.6m, Stage 3 – \$26.8m

**Building Completion** Stage 1 – 2014,  
Stage 2 – 2016, Stage 3 – 2018/2019



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Mother Teresa Catholic College  
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