

## Learning Environments Australasia 19th Annual Conference

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# MT LAWLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL 92 Second Avenue, Mt Lawley

**Architect:** EIW Architects **Building Contractor:** Badge Construction

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

The Mt Lawley community was devastated in July 2012 when the much-loved local primary school was struck by an arson attack.

Workshops were held with key educational stakeholders, including the wider community, local authority and Mount Lawley Historical Society. The outcomes from the extensive consultative process formed the basis for the innovative design solution that incorporated, contemporary educational planning imperatives, universal access, sustainability and energy efficiency of the learning spaces.

The new replacement Mt Lawley Primary School has been designed and constructed in an economical and expedient manner ensuring that the displaced school community could return for the commencement of the 2015 school year.

Retention of the original Second Avenue facade was integral to the school's 100 year old identity, and the Mt Lawley community's strong sense of place. This was achieved by the incorporation of a significant portion of the salvaged façade and replicating the single storey scale, rhythm of the fenestration and style of the windows, chimneys and gable ends. Whilst the streetscape was retained, the building aesthetic morphs into a new two storey contemporary aesthetic along the north facade.

The incorporation of the new two storey building behind the original single storey facade enabled the school's facilities to be accommodated within an efficient footprint on a restricted 1.2 hectare site, in compliance with the Department of Education primary school brief, enabling maximum areas for external soft and hard play zones and the retention of significant Jacaranda trees.



Photographer: Andrew Pritchard Photography

### **FACTS / FIGURES:**

**Gross Floor Area** 3.400m<sup>2</sup>

**Final Contract Sum** \$8.6m (ex GST) Cost per m<sup>2</sup> \$2,500/m<sup>2</sup> (ex GST)

**Building Completion** January 2015

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