

Three Australian schools win international design awards



Three Australian school designs have won awards at the International 2016 Exhibition of School Planning & Architectural Awards.

Conducted by Learning Environments Australasia's international body, Association for Learning Environments (A4LE), the Awards recognise exceptional planning and inspired architectural design of high quality learning environments.

Two of the designs won their awards in the category of Project of Distinction – New Construction: the Montagne Centre at Marist College in Bendigo, by Y2 Architecture, and

Woodleigh School in Melbourne, by Law Architects.

The third design, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School in Sydney, by BVN, won the Lee J Brockway Award in Renovation/Addition.

In addition, the Australian architectural firm, Clarke Hopkins Clarke, was awarded a Special Citation for the One Heart Children's Village in Kenya.

The designs qualified for entry into the International Awards after competing in Learning Environments Australasia's Regional Awards in May.

“The performance of these school designs shows that the Australasian Region is a trailblazer in world class learning environments. The projects demonstrate how true collaboration between educators, architects and planners can produce amazing results”, said Learning Environments Australasia Chair, Richard Leonard.

The winners were announced and exhibited at A4LE's *LearningScapes* international conference, held in Philadelphia from September 28 to October 1.

<http://a4le.org.au>

Fifth Gallup Student Poll planned for 2017

Registrations are open for the 2017 Gallup Student Poll for Years 5–12, with the research to be completed online by schools from 1 March through 1 April. The objective is to get a holistic view of students and to give them a voice on topics that are not currently being measured.

The survey is designed to provide local, actionable insights for principals and teachers to meet their students' needs. Aspirational results can be tracked over time and can be used for strategic planning, benchmarking, pastoral care programs, identifying trouble spots, areas of opportunity and leadership development.

The survey measures three elements: Hope, Engagement, Well-being. There are 20 survey



items, with Faith and Entrepreneur items as optional extras.

All data collected by the Gallup Student Poll are stored, aggregated, and analysed by Gallup.

Data are reported by school and by district and are accessible via an online scorecard. Individual student responses are not released to schools or parents.

Prices

1 to 69 students \$5.00 each

Primary Schools \$350.00

Secondary schools \$600.00

Combined Primary and Secondary \$850.00

Students in schools in six states, totalling more than 11,000 students participated in the fourth iteration of the survey with results announced in August. Overall results are available at the Gallup website.

<http://www.gallupstudentpoll.com.au>