

western australia chapter events 2020

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august
wednesday 12th

4-5.30pm

site visit #02

Melville Senior High School
Performing Arts Centre

come along to the site visit// make a few
notes on your interesting discoveries and
grab an informal cpd point!//

all welcome // If you cannot attend this event
in person, join us on Instagram @le_waus to
view live or share with colleagues afterwards

due to covid-19 numbers are capped for
this site tour, so please get in quick to
secure your spot//

architects: cox



Melville Senior High School's new 300 seat theatre is designed to Department of Education brief requirements as part of the redevelopment of the school's performing arts facilities. The stand-alone theatre serves as an extension to the existing performing arts building, creating a new precinct that consolidates the school's planning.

Positioned on a boundary adjacent to Leach Highway, the theatre creates a striking landmark for the school and offers north facing vistas across the playing fields. Tiered terracing to the oval can be utilized for teaching and passive recreation.

The building is a simple collection of parts informed by their functional requirements and has three components – performance space, foyer and gallery. Each can be used separately for teaching, providing exceptional functional flexibility.

The performance space uses precast concrete to create an acoustically separated 'black box'. The foyer is a flexible space with a lightweight steel frame, clad in compressed metal sheets. The gallery is a glazed, steel-framed circulation spine which is naturally ventilated.

The three elements are united under a metal roof that folds across and around the components with no box gutters or parapets. The roof connects the elements and extends to the ground, anchoring the building to the site.

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