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Enhancing the Educational Experience

Western Australia

western australia chapter events 2022

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for details: <https://a4le.org.au/news/wa-news/>

november

thursday 3rd

4:00-5:30pm

site visit #03

ISWA site tour// 193 St Brigids
Terrace, Doubleview WA 6018

//join us for a tour// drinks and nibbles
provided

all welcome

members: no-charge
non-members: \$15+ GST



architects: T+Z architects
landscape architects: four landscape studio

The International School of Western Australia's (ISWA) playground enhancement is a fun, creative and curated set of play, pedagogical and cultural interventions.

Fundamental to the school's philosophy is student agency, in which students have voice, choice and ownership of their learning and the environments it takes place in. Four Landscape Studio (4LS) worked closely with the school's students and staff to develop an engaging outdoor school environment based on this philosophy that was equally as impressive as the built outcome. 4LS ran a series of workshops with staff and students from all year levels to create a truly unique, exciting, ISWA-centric campus with educational and play areas woven throughout the school grounds. The resulting landscape is an extension

of the interior classrooms and provides multiple opportunities for students to build resilience, companionship, motor skills and respect for each other and the environment. The final outcome is a creative and curated set of play, pedagogical and cultural interventions that will mature into a high-quality campus for future generations of students.

Heights and distance between stepping and climbing items were sized and spaced appropriately to encourage calculated risk and challenge students to extend themselves and experience achievement. Climbing nets and hanging palms have become a 'right of passage' for students and actively gauge their progression. Day one, term one, students may not reach the top, but by the end of the year they will.

A signature tower at the front of the school has an enclosed tunnel and treehouse extension that sit outside the fence line. The tower gives students the experience of 'escape' in a safe environment.

True project success is measured by the amount of class time spent externally, compared to previous campus and class structures. Reading, math, art, cooking, science and photography are now undertaken outside daily. The playground enhancements are truly ISWA, everything requested by staff and students has been considered which has resulted in a community that are proud, respectful and have ownership over their campus.

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