

Media release



Disrupting education: meeting the vision for a new learning model

WMK Architecture Director John Andreas will speak at Green Cities in March.

Co-hosted annually by the Green Building Council and the Property Council, Green Cities is Australia's premier sustainability conference for the built environment.

John will speak at 'design disturbance' – a panel session which will showcase seven disruptive ideas with regard to sustainable design and truly great buildings.

As the architect on the ground-breaking Northern Beaches Christian School project, John will speak about 'the architecture of spaces: meeting the vision for a new learning model'.

The project delivered a unique and interactive indoor-outdoor learning environment, comprised of a sequence of multi-level pavilion buildings beneath a 3000 square metre canopy which generates energy, harvests rainwater, and cools the spaces below.

Classrooms were superseded by collaborative spaces for multiple learning modes and non-hierarchical interaction. Balconies, seating nodes, oversized steps, and timber platforms are wired for technology and allow for endless configurations beneath the canopy.

"Northern Beaches Christian School is truly unique. The space reshapes our thinking about how school buildings can be used and will set a new benchmark for innovative learning worldwide," said John.

Green Cities will be held in Sydney on 22-24 March. For more information visit greencities.org.au.

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