

# *Interior Architecture*

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## *The Julius Elischer Award for Interior Architecture*

John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School (JSRACS)  
Kindergarten - Beechboro Campus

Architecture Practice

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Builder

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Photographer

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### **Jury Comments**

The Kindergarten addition to the John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School in Beechboro provides children with a wonderful learning environment that is inviting, nurturing, fit for purpose, flexible and most importantly fun. The design response is a highly sophisticated and exceptionally well considered outcome. Material selections give the space a sense of warmth and natural charm while being appropriately robust and durable. The elegant detailing is well executed and the space conveys a strong sense of craftsmanship. Clever provisions for the "mess of play" include a custom designed hanging system for children's paintings and drawings. Puzzle shaped storage units act as mobile partitions for dividing the space into a variety of areas to suit different teaching modes. The use of colour is subtle and inspires rather than dictates and the ambience created from the composition of skylights, light fixtures and coloured acoustic panels in the coffered ceiling is poetic. Clever appropriation of the budget has enabled a wonderful result to be achieved within tight financial constraints and environmental attributes are intrinsic rather than applied. This project is an exemplar for primary school teaching spaces and is a wonderful outcome for the local community and families with children in the area. A space that will undoubtedly reside in the collective memories of the children and staff that enjoy the facility.