



Light fills the flexible Visual Arts Studio and creates an inspiring and uplifting mood.

# Ballarat & Clarendon College Visual Arts Centre

The Visual Arts Centre of the Ballarat and Clarendon College forms part of a new arts precinct, and provides specialist studios and gallery facilities for the College's growing arts programme.

The Ballarat and Clarendon College Visual Arts Centre was constructed in two stages.

Stage 1 comprised the connection of two individual heritage buildings with a glazed link. Set back from the front façades, the light steel and glass structure connects to the existing buildings with a butterfly roof, and houses a central art studio. The beautiful period interior of the existing Morrow Centre was carefully restored to create a gallery and function space.

Stage 2 is a custom built, freestanding pavilion inserted behind the group of

historic houses, forming the edge of the Arts Precinct and containing two large light filled studios. Both studios have uninhibited access to materials in a centralised storage area in between the production spaces.

Utilising a sawtooth roof with highlight and low level glazing, the internal spaces get plenty of natural light whilst maintaining expanses of wall surfaces for display. The studios can be opened to create one large space for exhibitions and functions. Materials used in the project include corrugated steel, plywood, aluminium and glass.

#### Project Details

**Client:** Ballarat & Clarendon College  
**Location:** Ballarat, VIC  
**Approx. Value:** \$600,000  
**Floor Area:** 370 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Completed:** 2004

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