Brisbane Girls Grammar School Wins National Architecture Award

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A remarkable educational learning space topped the honours at the Australian Institute of Architects’ National Architecture Awards last night with Girls Grammar’s Cherrell Hirst Creative Learning Centre winning the prestigious Sir Zelman Cowen Award for Public Architecture.

‘I’d say it’s an outstanding world-leading facility for the learning experience, and equivalently for architecture and architects … It’s a brilliant resolution of the context – it took our breath away’, said Professor Alec Tzannes, Chair of the National Awards jury.

Architect Michael Banney from m3architecture, a Brisbane-based firm, delivered an exceptional result for the client in this building. The brief was to create a facility that enhanced the educational and social needs of teenaged girls.

The outcome created a landmark building featuring innovative and highly flexible teaching and learning spaces equipped with state-of-the-art technologies.

Principal of Brisbane Girls Grammar School, Ms Amanda Bell, said, “This building is a well considered investment in the future of quality education for girls. It has created an extraordinary learning and social space for our students”.

This latest accolade adds to the impressive list of architectural and construction awards the Cherrell Hirst Creative Learning Centre has already received. In 2007 it was voted Top Building by The Architects programme on Melbourne radio station 3RRR, beating out other national and international entries such as New York City’s new Museum of Contemporary Art and Melbourne’s Eureka Tower.