

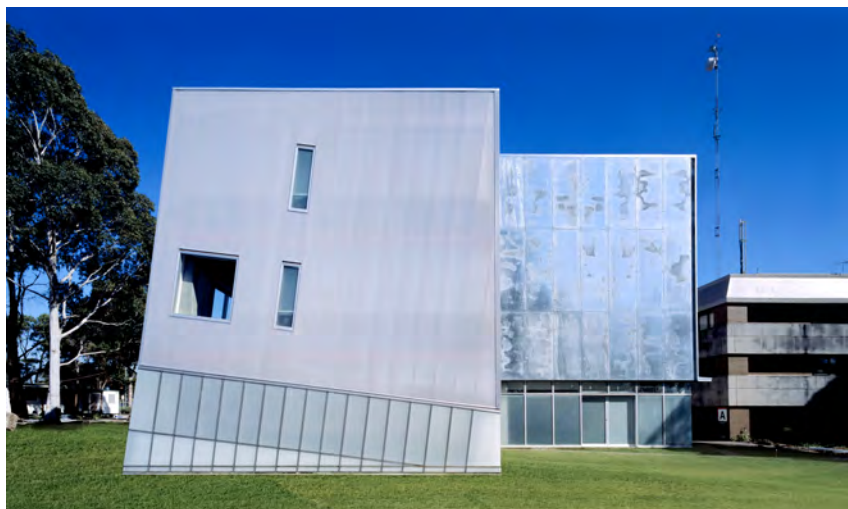


CHISHOLM INSTITUTE OF TAFE

Access and Language Building
Dandenong Campus, Victoria

ARCHITECT: COX ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS

WINNER ARCHITECTURAL EXCELLENCE SOUTH EAST
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When designing the Access and Language Building at the Chisholm Institute of TAFE, the challenge for Cox Architects and Planners was to give the institution a higher profile and to create a prominent entrance to the campus. This has been achieved with a combination of Danpalon and glass, providing a beacon-like front door to the TAFE.

Danpalon 16mm Multicell Ice (reverse UV) forms the cladding that wraps around the eastern and western sides of classroom prism, with a dramatic fracture along the face where the vertical and inclined planes come together. Cox explains that the wall serves a dual purpose: "The glass and polycarbonate façade provides a mist of direct and translucent natural daylighting into the interior. It is also self-consciously 'worked' as a piece of massive, milky and opalescent structure."

The southern wall tilts at seven degrees and there is a diagonal fold across it at one point that brings the wall back into an upright position at the western end. When the building is lit at night, it gives an ethereal illumination to the entrance of the campus.

Thorough research on such issues as UV protection and fire performance convinced both the architect and client of Danpalon's practical suitability while the visual results speak for themselves.



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