



Eltham College

## exciting design creates unique learning opportunities.

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**Not all learners are created equal.** So where do you start when you want to create an environment that supports each unique student?

Sonia van Hout, the Director of Early and Junior years at Eltham College followed a broad and careful consultation process with the school community and architects in search of answers. Students attended a workshop where Sonia says they considered, "the type of activity, what type of space best accommodated the proposed activity, the

size of the area and what colour, light and furnishings were required in the space."

The timing of a visit to the school from leading education expert Professor Stephen Heppell couldn't have been better. Professor Heppell provided invaluable thought and insights which influenced space design and furniture selection. Sonia also took inspiration from the Italian Reggio Emilia philosophy for advice around colour in learning spaces.

**"I want the students' work on the walls to speak, so, I want the furniture to be complementary, not the most dominating aspect!"**

Sonia van Hout - Director of ELC & Junior School



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A range of tables paired with Bodyfurn® seating options can be found in many of the learning spaces.



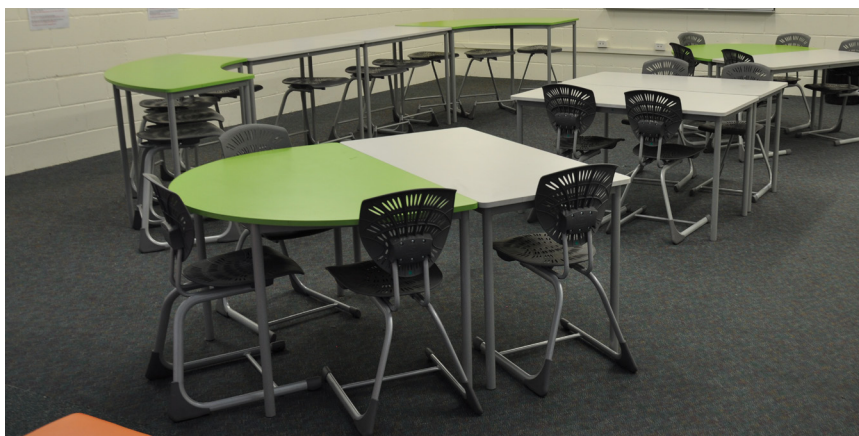
Whiteboard surfaces are popular for collaboration.



Flexible furniture gives options for traditional front of class teaching too.



Informal seating areas are popular with students, teachers and parents.



Tables can be arranged for small or large group learning.



Akiako Splats can be configured in a number of ways.

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