



Wynnum Community Centre

Location Wynnum, Queensland
Sector Government
Value \$3.5 million
Client Brisbane City Council

The De Luca team recently finished the restoration of the old Wynnum Central State School, which has become home to Wynnum's newest Community Centre. As the old school is classified as a building of significance, our teams had to work carefully to restore most of the existing joinery and old features to preserve its history.

The project included works to:

- Ensure the building is compliant with Building Code of Australia (BCA) requirements, by restoring and modifying emergency exits, installing safety glass in all windows lower than one metre high, achieving a two-hour fire rating between floors and installing a smoke detection system
- Make the building accessible, by installing an internal elevator, ramps, Person with Disability (PWD) toilets and electronic doors throughout, complete with security tag system
- Restore the roof by incorporating existing tiles with new gutters and down-pipes
- Repaint the interior and exterior of the building in heritage colours
- Improve the interior of the building, by installing compliant re-heat kitchens for community groups, installing new air-conditioning units, fans and lighting, restoring old classroom blackboards and stage, installing an audio visual system and providing secure storage for tenants.

The Community Centre is now home to many of Wynnum's Community Groups, with areas for hire including art gallery spaces, meeting rooms, performing arts hall and office spaces. The project was constructed as part of the Wynnum Mixed Use Development project which involves building a new Brisbane City Council Library and Woolworths with 2 specialty shops.



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Original chalkboards kept and restored to preserve history



Gallery space for future use with natural light and original windows



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