

Knox Performing Arts Centre



CLIENT

Knox Grammar School – Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW)

LOCATION

Wahroonga, NSW

VALUE

\$47 million

CONTRACT DURATION

88 weeks

CONTRACT TYPE

Traditional Lump Sum

START DATE

February 2017

COMPLETION DATE

April 2019

During the tender period Taylor worked closely with numerous subcontractors on a value engineering exercise to achieve financial advantage for the client.



This multilevel facility now accommodates a four level Junior Academy and Performing Arts Centre for Knox Grammar School in Wahroonga, providing students with spaces to learn, practice and showcase their creative talents in music, drama, dance and audio visual.

The building comprises music and drama classrooms and multi-purpose spaces, a 700 seat tiered lyric theatre, a 165 seat minor performance space, state of the art music, dance and drama teaching rooms. In addition to this is a new secure basement car park with 116 spaces and a link footbridge connecting the new centre and the wider campus.

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Important project considerations included tight access restrictions, significant student interface and the location which was next to an active city rail line. Despite this the team managed several 400m³+ concrete pours and worked tirelessly on stakeholder management to maintain communication lines with not only the school but all stakeholders in the area.