

HOPSCOTCH CHILDCARE CENTRE

Project Data

Location:	Osborne Park, Western Australia
Category:	Education
Client:	Not Disclosed
Construction Value:	Not Disclosed
Construction Period:	12 months (estimated)

With a site located along an activity corridor and at the intersection of Main and Hector Streets, our Client came to us in April 2021 with a brief to design a childcare centre. This location was chosen to cater for increasing density of residential development in Osborne Park.

Working within the City of Stirling's guidelines, the design marries a language of typical commercial and residential aesthetics commonly found in the surrounding streets, with playful and functional elements expressed on the street elevations, denoting its purpose and presence as a childcare centre.

The design response primarily addresses the prominent corner position of the site, softened by a curved screen wrapping the south-west corner. Careful site planning was employed to place play spaces away from residential setback interfaces to reduce noise breakout.



EXTERNAL IMAGE - CENTRAL COURTYARD

Our intention was to design a complex with an aesthetic that conveys a sense of fun and joy for the occupants, whilst also engaging the passerby with an activated building that will enhance the streetscape and its immediate environment. Being only two storeys in height, and with the introduction of a linear street canopy, we have constructed the aesthetic around a blend of horizontal planes, grounded by the strong anchor element positioned at the street intersection.

Changes to local authority planning policies delayed the project, but we were re-engaged to progress with the design scope of work in February 2023.



EXTERNAL IMAGE - VIEW FROM THE STREET INTERSECTION



EXTERNAL IMAGE - HECTOR STREET ELEVATION



EXTERNAL IMAGE - MAIN STREET ELEVATION