



# Beautiful spot for architects? Judge for yourself

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Ever wondered if the city's new architects get the benefit of learning in a beautifully designed building?

Decide for yourself with a visit to Melbourne University's architecture students' new school this Sunday as part of the weekend's Open House Melbourne event.

Sunday is the first time the public will be able to see the state-of-the-art design school before it is occupied by up to 3000 students in the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning.

Faculty dean Tom Kvan said the new building would "inspire learning and encourage enquiry - the design was driven by this purpose".

He said its features included zinc louvres that filter sunlight to reduce

heat gain while allowing for views from each room, and suspended studios that drop into the building's atrium.

The new architecture school, which is almost complete, is one of more than 100 buildings in the city providing free access this weekend.

While the architecture school is only open on Sunday, the university will allow access to its Wilson Hall and Grainger Museum at the Parkville campus all weekend, 10am-4pm.

Open House Melbourne is a rare chance to discover at no charge the city's significant buildings, many rarely open to the public. There are 90 buildings people can just turn up to on the day, while 13 need prior registration.



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Tim Leslie (left) of Open House Melbourne and Tom Kvan, dean of Melbourne Uuniversity's Faculty of Architecture. Photo: Justin McManus