

## Our Approach

Presented with a bland pebbled lightwell, we took on the challenge to create a fun and functional space on a limited budget.

The space has glass walls on three sides, including to an adjacent highly used corridor and a lunch-room, so we created a highly visual space.

The existing downpipes along the blank rear wall were multiplied, amped up with canary yellow paint, and offset against a montage of black and green hexagonal panels.

The hexagonal motif was repeated in colour panels on the rear wall, multi-use Ekodeck seating platforms, and in the use of a range of artificial turf blends on the ground surface. It was even picked up with linework and panels of frosting across the windows to frame the views into the space.

An overhead shadesail (hexagonal of course!) controlled the wind and sun to create a more comfortable area for students and staff to study and relax, along with colourful Phillipe Starcke replica AHA stools.

Even when it is not being used, the mix of bright colours and strong geometry creates an engaging and quirky space.

# Deakin Building NA Courtyard

Funky makeover creates fun and functionality



Before



During construction



During construction



Detail of synthetic turf



## Project Specs

- Client:** Deakin University
- Location:** Waurm Ponds, Victoria
- Date:** Construction completed 2016
- Budget:** \$30k
- Roll:** Design and documentation

Completion

