

The Versatile Campus – designing for study, socialising and sport.

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Contemporary University landscapes are being reinvented. Once defined by the mediative calm of the cloister, they are now seeking new ways to engage with student life.

In an age of online and off-campus learning, university landscapes are now playing a critical role in both attracting and retaining staff and students and fostering meaningful engagement, conversation and participation. Open spaces are being developed not as decorative foregrounds to buildings, but to host staff, students and the wider community in a myriad of ways; whether it is meeting, studying, playing, exercising, partying, dining, promenading or escaping.

BIO

Lisa is an award-winning landscape architect and Director of Australia's most acclaimed landscape architecture and urban design practice, Taylor Cullity Lethlean (TCL). She leads a team of talented creatives to deliver large scale, industry-leading open space designs. Over the past five years, Lisa has worked with leading universities to design and deliver progressive strategies to reinvigorate campus life for students, staff and visitors across Australia.

Her expertise is reflected in the innovative designs of the Northern Plaza, the Eastern Residential Precinct & the Forum at Monash University; Riverbank Pedestrian Bridge in Adelaide; and Bendigo Botanic Gardens – Garden for the Future.