



Quality and permanence

Category:
IMPORTED STONE
Best Commercial
Project

Project:
Beamaris Dental,
Beamaris, Victoria 3193

Architecture:
Demaine Partnership Pty Ltd

Builder:
J. J. Armstrong Pty Ltd

Stone Mason
Titan Tiling Company Pty Ltd

Stone Supplied:
Lima White Marble, CDK
Stone Australia. Hand
selected reddish tones.
Random / Pinwheel Pattern,
20mm thickness, 300 X 300,
300 X 600, 600 X 600

For the design of the building, the architects reflected upon the aesthetic ideals of dentistry, and the role of the dentist to sculpt and shape teeth. They took this as their starting point for the architecture.

Demaine Partnership developed the design to achieve a considered interplay of the qualities of translucency, reflection, depth, solidity, surface and composition with the aim of giving proper expression to the craft of dentistry. This attempt to evoke allusions to dentistry harks back to the tradition of buildings communicating the service or trade that occurs within.


The street facade of the dental practice is a smooth veneer of polished marble and glass. The pattern of the stone and the configuration of openings convey a homogenous surface. CDK's Lima White marble naturally generates a sense of quality and permanence.

As the light changes, those polished surfaces – that previously offered solidity via their reflections – become deep punctures in the monolithic quality of the stone with edges that appear translucent.

This facade folds in from the adjacent buildings to offer a forecourt and a modest expression of civic presence. The angled surfaces articulate the building as a cluster of elements and provide a sense of depth and movement via the manipulation of perspective sightlines.

The rear facades employ sharp incisions to white rendered surfaces thus transforming an otherwise box-like form into a cluster of crisp, white elements. Deep window reveals provide requisite shading and an expression of mass.

The interior spaces offer a picturesque circuit, via the staircase and moments of vista. Large windows on the first floor provide strong visual connection with the street, and the windows to the north are screened to respect the sensitivity of the residential interface.

Throughout the apartment, concealed light sources suggest spatial extension, and the incised motif is again used to suggest mass. 

FIXING: Membrane: **Mapei Mapelastic Smart Liquid Membrane.** Adhesive: **Mapei Kerabond 2 Part Isolastic Adhesive (White).** Grout: **White.** Sealant: **Mapei Clear Stone Sealant**

