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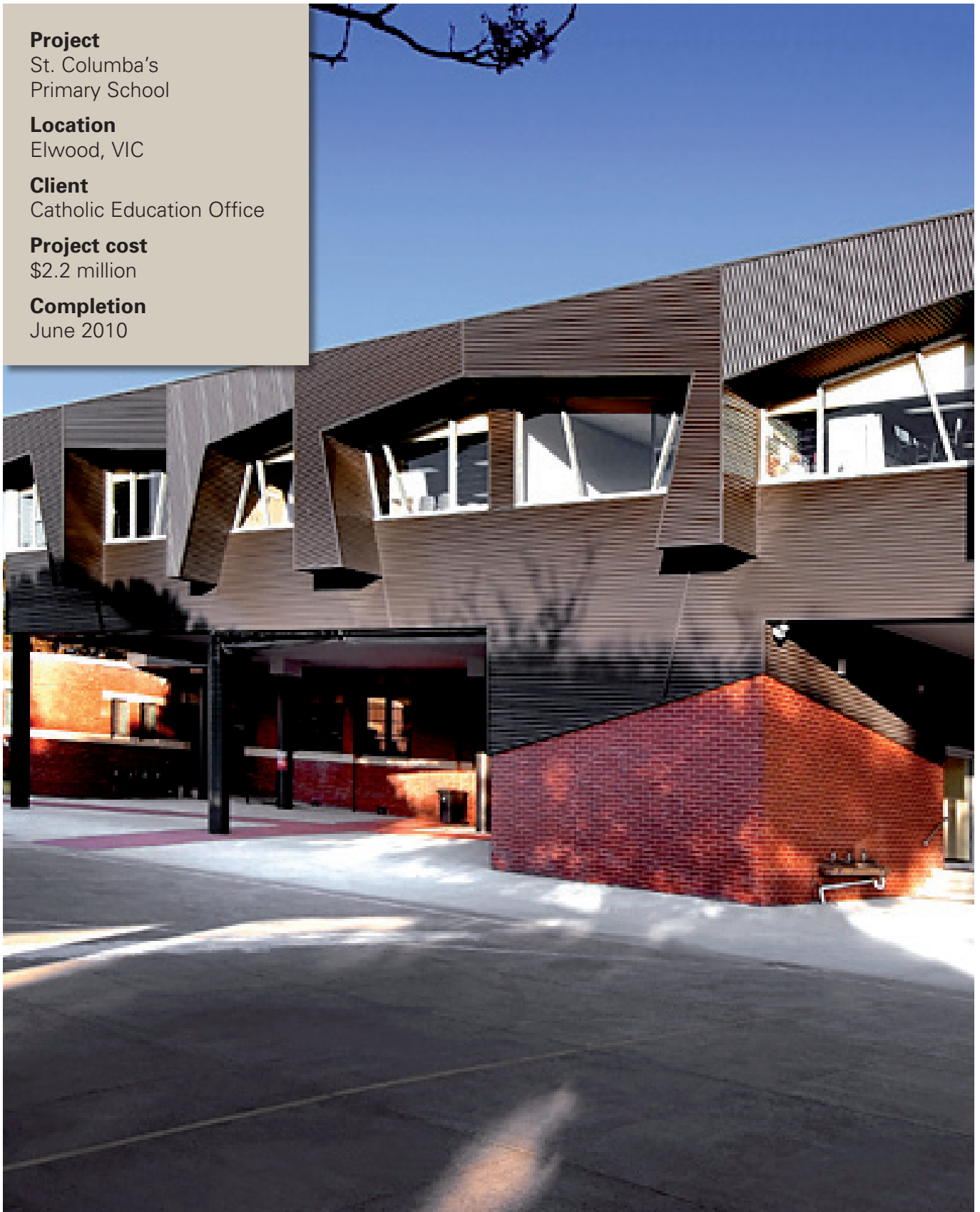
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This project was part of the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution economic stimulus package. The Catholic Education Office followed the traditional path and appointed a supervising architect who called competitive tenders.

The new extension to the 1920's 2-storey building was positioned inside the busy school yard so fencing and traffic management was of paramount importance. An existing brick toilet block was demolished and then a steel frame of 2 floors was erected to match the existing heights. Openings were created within the separating walls to create a central open common area and large openings between future classrooms. Dividing walls to three existing classrooms were also demolished.

The ground floor area was left as an open under-croft for under-cover playing area for the children, except for a lobby and stair area. Extra funding was obtained by the school for a lift which has been installed in the stair well and a new children's toilet block within the existing building.

Floor and wall framing is in timber, with the external walls incorporating themed shapes around the windows and headers with the roof frame in steel. External cladding throughout is slate grey Colorbond corrugated sheeting at differing angles. Feature brickwork is used on the ground floor lobby.

The result was 4 new classrooms, a library, open common area, maths store and reading room.

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