

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE  
DESIGN STUDIO  
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SEMESTER 1 2026  
WEDNESDAY 9.30-4.30PM  
BUILDING F: 3.XX

# a NEW NORMAL: DEEP RETROFIT

THIS STUDIO IS PART OF THE MULTI-SCHOOL 'A NEW NORMAL' PROJECT, BEING RUN COLLABORATIVELY ACROSS MONASH, MELBOURNE UNI AND RMIT, WITH PARTNERS FINDING INFINITY. WE WILL BE PROPOSING NEW AND PROFITABLE WAYS TO TURN MONASH CAULFIELD CAMPUS FROM A CONSUMER TO A PRODUCER. STUDENTS WILL DESIGN A COMPLETE TECHNICAL AND SPATIAL RETROFIT FOR BUILDING F, CREATING A LASTING HOME FOR MONASH ARCHITECTURE.

YOU WILL BE RESPONDING TO A REAL BRIEF, AND INTEGRATING A FULL SUITE OF TECHNICAL BUILDING SYSTEMS, WITH A FOCUS ON LOW-ENERGY, LOW-CARBON AND NET-POSITIVE OUTCOMES THROUGH SIMPLE, EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES.

STUDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN 2 WORKSHOPS WITH ALL 3 SCHOOLS AT THE BOYD BAKER HOUSE IN LONG FOREST, RUN BY FINDING INFINITY. THERE WILL BE A LINKED LECTURE SERIES OVER 3 WEEKS WITH PARTICIPATING MELBOURNE ARCHITECTS SPEAKING AT EACH SCHOOL.