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## **Bond University leads the way in green building design award win**

Bond University's Mirvac School of Sustainable Development building has once again been recognised for its outstanding sustainable design winning the United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) World Environment Day Szencorp Green Building Award; it was announced earlier this month.

This is the latest in an impressive list of national and international awards for the University's building, including the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) Sustainability Award, awarded last October.

Vice Chancellor, Professor Robert Stable said Bond University took great pride in the quality of its teaching facilities and receiving these awards was another example of the world benchmark Bond is setting to deliver a superior experience for students.

"Bond University is honoured to have won this prestigious green building award. Last year winning the RICS award put Bond University on the world stage as a leader in the field of sustainability. Now this World Environment Day Szencorp Green Building Award confirms our position as Australia's educational leaders in sustainable building design," said Professor Stable.

"We are very proud of the Mirvac School of Sustainable Development building. It has innovatively reduced carbon emissions by 80 per cent and is Australia's first higher education building to receive a 6 Star Green Star Design Rating," he said.

Managing Director of Szencorp and sponsor of the award, Mr Peter Szental lauded Bond University for developing an educational building with intelligent sustainable design from which students can learn.

"Szencorp has sponsored the Green Building Award since winning the award in 2006, I am delighted that this year's winner is an outstanding building dedicated to educate sustainable design students," said Mr Szental.

"Each year thousands of students visit the Szencorp Building in Melbourne to study its sustainable features so we commend Bond University for developing a green building that serves as a live case study for its students.

"It is only by studying a sustainable building first-hand that students can really understand how a building's sustainable features work together to dramatically reduce a building's environmental impact," he said.

Emerging as Australia's leaders in sustainable design education Bond University has already gained international support for the new Soheil Abedian School of Architecture, due to open in January next year.

"Both the Pratt Institute in New York and Architecture Association in London are working closely with Bond to develop an educational program that focuses on sustainable design," said Professor Stable.

The UNAA World Environment Day awards was a double-win for Bond University with 'environmental pioneer' Emeritus Professor Tor Hundloe, winning the Individual Award for Outstanding Service to the Environment for his dedication and academic teaching in ecotourism, environmental management and environmental economics.

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