

Project:

The Cheesecake Shop

Building Type: Office/Warehouse

Location: Western Sydney, NSW

The Cheesecake Shop recently completed their new headquarters located in an office and warehouse complex at Villawood in Western Sydney. A stunning daylighting feature designed by PTI Architecture in the central stairwell was the focus of Solatubes 2013 ICE awards.

The office restoration involved building a double storey square platform. An open plan design was selected and aimed to maximise natural lighting to the first and ground floor of the office. A large atrium was created in the middle of the "square" with a stair linking the two floors.

Objective

The architect wanted to create a feature that celebrated the freedom and equality of daylight, but at the same time was functional. The product used to achieve this feature had to comply with the Building Code of Australia section J requirements.

Products Used

- 24 x 750DS Solatube Daylighting Systems

Solution

The Architect selected the SolaMaster 750 DS being a large skylight capable of providing enough daylight for commercial applications.

To achieve the spectacular display in the atrium, they created a "swiss cheese" effect, by using multiple Solatube Daylighting Systems in a purpose built architectural feature.

With careful planning and positioning of the daylighting units, the architect achieved daylight penetration to every corner of the room below from a central location.

Testimonial

"In order to maximise sunlight while satisfying Section J of BCA, we sought a skylight system that would serve our purposes without losing internal heat during winter. Solatube provided the perfect answer. The features of the Solatube product allowed the architects to create not only a functional and beautifully lit space but an aesthetically pleasing effect appreciated by the staff and admired by all visitors for its allegorical representation of The Cheesecake Shop business".

Warwick Konopacki
Managing Director, The Cheesecake Shop

Project details courtesy of Lewis Lau, PTI Architecture.



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