



John Hunter Children's Hospital NICU - Stage 1

Location: New Lambton Heights, NSW

Client: Hunter New England Local Health District

Budget: Approx \$28 million

Role: Principal Design Consultant

Type: Hospital Refurbishment

Completed: 2016

EJE completed Stage 1 of the new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the John Hunter Children's Hospital. Stage 1 has provided a new Special Care ICU, encompassing clinical spaces, family wing and dedicated palliative care spaces. These vastly expanded areas enable the delivery of contemporary models of care in an environment that is family centred and clinically efficient.

The design focused heavily on colours, materials and textures derived from nature, with a colour palette transitioning from greens through to blues, timber look finishes and large scale wall imagery of natural, local scenes and plants. Lighting was another primary design consideration throughout the planning process, with indirect and natural lighting utilised throughout the unit as much as possible.

Feedback from the staff and families has been overwhelmingly positive and EJE is exceptionally proud of this ground breaking facility.