

## iZone at Curtin opened

When the iZone at Curtin University Library officially opened on 29 October 2008, Curtin's Vice-Chancellor Professor Jeanette Hackett said:

Not long ago, it was imagined that library buildings would become irrelevant – that all the information that people needed would be provided digitally and that visiting a physical library would become a thing of the past. This has not happened. In fact, new library spaces like the iZone are burgeoning.

Student learning today is interactive and social, and learning spaces should address the requirements for that information flow to occur naturally. The iZone provides students with a warm, inviting environment in which to meet physically and the technologies they need to communicate with local and global colleagues. It is designed for multi-functional activities which allow for connection with other students from their own disciplines and serendipitous learning through the proximity of students from other disciplines, otherwise known as the 'wisdom of the crowds'.

The popularity of iZone since its opening is a testament to its perceived usefulness by students and a good indicator of its success as a space to encourage an exciting and fulfilled student experience.

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*Note: The Editor apologises for using the incorrect date of the iZone opening in the November issue of inCite.*



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