

# XO DINING

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Nestled under the Hargrave-Andrew Library at Clayton, XO Dining occupies a picturesque location in the Engineering Precinct, with its frontage to the Library forecourt and Kenneth Hunt Garden. Guided by the Monash Clayton Retail and Activation Strategy, XO provides staff, students and visitors with a food offering which complements others on campus. It is also a relaxed sanctuary for informal study, working meetings, seminars and events.

Comprising of two food retailers and a shared informal dining area, the space is collaboratively designed by Kosloff Architects, Urban Initiatives and Studio Semaphore. It opens directly onto the Kenneth Hunt Garden – an English Style garden established by the founding Dean of Engineering, Kenneth Hunt. A significant tree, grown from a cutting of the original Newton's Apple Tree, forms the centrepiece of the garden and inspires the venue's curious name.

The letters 'XO' draw reference to the idea of discovery and reward offered by the venue's location, the significance of the tree, and the navigational symbol for 'distinctive tree'. Clues and cues that provide further information on this peculiar name are hidden within the venue to inspire further discovery. As the University motto goes, 'ancora imparo' - even while we eat or relax, meet or congregate, 'we are still learning'.

## Location

13 College Walk, Clayton Campus



## Awards

2017 Eat Drink Design Awards – Shortlisted for Best Retail Design

## Images

- 1 Interior cafeteria and social space
  - 2 XO Dining exterior.
  - 3 Presentation screen and lounge area.
- Photographs by Andrew Lloyd.