

CAMD Case Studies - Education:

Learning and health

Scienceworks, Melbourne



Taking science into the community

Hospital visits were made a little easier for patients at the new Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) in Melbourne, with the recent addition of interactive learning displays provided by Scienceworks.

The new RCH will feature 15 exhibits designed and developed by Scienceworks that will allow children to explore science in a fun, informal way. It is anticipated that young patients or visitors would benefit from the organisation's approach of using distraction as a way of helping children deal with being in hospital.

Each of the interactive modules meets Scienceworks' goals of inspiring children to experience science as a source of adventure and excitement. As important, though, is that they also provide young patients with an engaging distraction at what can often be a difficult time for them and their families.

The 15 displays explore a number of scientific and mathematic principles including hand-eye coordination, problem solving and visual perception.