



## Keep it to a dull roar with Hyne 17C Beams

When it comes to the construction of large, open arenas like sports stadiums and school halls, there are three defining conditions that are difficult to marry together. These buildings need to be structurally strong, but often this comes at the expense of good looks and almost certainly means users are left with a noisy experience due to the hard surfaces employed in their construction.

St Teresa's Catholic College recently added a new assembly hall to their Noosa, Queensland campus and the architect specified Select Grade Hyne 17C Beams, from the Hyne Truebeams range of engineered structural timber products, instead of steel.

As the builder, Dennis Anderson, from the Anderson Building Group explains, the benefits of the Hyne 17C Beam are more than skin deep.

"It's certainly a softer looking product than structural steel and both the architect and the client absolutely love the appearance," he notes. "As the strongest softwood glue-laminated beam available, it's an innovative alternative to steel that is less damaging to the environment."

Hyne 17C Beam Select Grade is a structural softwood product that complies with the AS Appearance Grade for timber products sold in Australia. It comes in a variety of sizes and can even be made to order within a range of measurements.

Dennis points out another feature of Hyne 17C Beams, particularly as it relates to the types of buildings such as the one constructed at St Teresa's. "Because it's not steel, and has a softer timber finish, the reduction in noise is noticeable," Dennis says. "We built a combined Assembly/Sports Hall for the school so noise was a key consideration. Timber also has the added advantage that it is easier to attach other parts of the structure to it, making infill of the beams a less onerous task."

Hyne is an Australian family-owned company with more than 125 years in the business of manufacturing and supplying timber products to the construction industry. For Dennis Anderson, they were good to deal with. "They kept in contact with us regarding our specifications and delivered when they promised to deliver. The product looks great and everyone was very happy with the experience."

It's probably not that obvious to the students and staff of St Teresa's in Noosa, but without Hyne their school hall would be a lot less accommodating.

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