

Scope: Renovation, addition restoration, full architectural services, interior design, landscape architecture
Size: 6,620sf (addition), 21,000sf (renovation).
Construction Cost: \$7.5 M
Completion: 2015

Moriyama & Teshima Architects created a space which supports and encourages multiple learning styles in a central gathering space at the heart of the campus.

Trinity College School is located on 100 acres of beautiful rolling countryside in Port Hope, Ontario. The campus is made up of old neo-gothic brick and stone buildings dating from the late 1800’s, and woven together with buildings built throughout the 1900’s.

The primary goal of the Learning Commons Project was to create a central gathering space at the heart of the campus for the all students and staff. A space that supports and encourages multiple learning styles: social learning, individual study, group study, group projects, one-on-one guidance, and classroom instruction. With this in mind, and to accommodate a growth in space needs, an underused central courtyard was enclosed to create the new Student Commons space.

Anchored by a stone fireplace, a large new lounge space is designed to be flexible in order to accommodate various student, staff and alumni functions and events, while on a typical day, couches

and tables provide an inviting and open environment for students to socialize, collaborate, or study. The west-facing wall is an expansive window, connecting the space to the school’s large front lawn beyond. A smaller upper lounge provides a more intimate space for group and focused learning.

A set of terraced wood seating steps connects the lower to the upper lounge, and leads to stairs which flow up to the library. This fully renovated library space is designed to respond to the changing needs and tasks performed by today’s student. While no longer merely a depository for books and a place of quiet study, the new library design promotes discussion and facilitates collaboration by providing a number of ways students can partake in group study. Other parts of the library and administration spaces below are renovated to improve the school’s expanding academic support and guidance programs. ■ →



Project: Learning Commons, Trinity College School **Location:** Port Hope, Ontario **Architect:** Moriyama & Teshima Architects. **Photographer:** Scott Norsworthy

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Floor: MashUp: Block MP 03. 30x60 / 12"x24" Available Sizes 12"x12" / 24"x24" / 12"x24" / 36"x36" / 48"x48"