shadow boards

Originally designed as one of the 5S processes used to increase productivity within the manufacturing industry, shadow boards can nonetheless be used as a tool to organise and improve any type of business regardless of 5S integration.

A well designed shadow board will allow identification of any missing items or equipment in seconds without the delays involved when needing to hunt down a specific piece of missing equipment. With a location clearly marked for all items everything will always be to hand instantly.





cleaning stations
lockout boards
workshop equipment
first aid stations
hand tool storage
and more!

Creating a Shadow Board

To create a shadow board simply contact our custom sign department and either supply us with the design or work with our skilled team to design the board to your exact specifications.

We can manufacture these boards on foamed PVC or aluminium composite, with pre-cut vinyl shapes or completely digitally printed with your choice of colours and company branding.

This can then be coated with the protective laminate of your choice and the appropriate fittings applied. In the case of First Aid or Lockout stations we can also supply appropriate equipment to stock the board.

what is 5S?

5S is the name of the workplace organisation method developed in the Japanese manufacturing industry in an effort to streamline productivity.

These words, and their literal English translation and description are:

Seiri	Sort
Seiton	Streamline
Seiso	Shine (or Sweep)
Seiketsu	Standardise
Shitsuke	Sustain

Remove unnecessary or unrelated materials from the workplace. Arrange necessary items in their proper place for retrieval and use. Clean the workplace completely. Standardise the best practice within the workflow and housekeeping guidelines. Maintain the 5S methodology, it should become second nature to all users.