

Project Fact Sheet

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Project Name: **Veritas Building – Library, Learning and Student Commons**



Campus Address: Building 301 – 127 to 131 Phillip Avenue Watson ACT.

Details/Project Abstract	<p>Consistent with the 2012 Masterplan, the newly delivered Veritas Building has immediately emerged as the central focal point to the campus. It is the permanent home for the library and provides a contemporary experience for both students and staff to engage, reflect and collaborate.</p>
Value to the University	<p>The Veritas Building and associated connections into the adjacent Blackfriars and Signadou buildings create a focal point for the campus and an effective all-weather connection between the new and existing buildings.</p> <p>The Veritas building is expected to enhance the student learning and teaching experience, and demonstrates ACU's commitment to invest in our students, staff and the community of Canberra.</p> <p>The Veritas Building aims to address the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">spiritual environment of the Campus by:<ul style="list-style-type: none">unifying previously disparate buildings. That is, by strengthening the connection between the Signadou and Blackfriars buildings in close proximity to the Rosary Primary School as well as improving the amenity of the Holy Rosary Church.respecting and reflecting the Dominican origins of the campus through its architectural response.Inviting engagement in both learning and Catholicity of students, staff and the broader community.business environment of the Campus by:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ providing alternative spaces that attract and encourage students to remain and interact on campus, in new ways that were not previously possible within the unique spatial configurations of the Signadou and Blackfriars buildings. ○ increasing the capacity for flexible learning options on Campus ○ providing new functional space that can be used for engagement with key stakeholder communities. ○ Providing a sustainably responsible building, designed and currently under assessment to achieve a 5 green star rating. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Physical and Virtual environment of the Campus by providing an additional two storey State of Art tertiary facility of 3,000 sqm GFA that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Incorporates an enhanced WiFi capability that allows students and staff to connect multiple devices at any location within the building. ○ delivers a new Library and Learning Commons, AskACU, Café and new entry of the ground level ○ delivers a new Lecture and Function space (up to 300 people standing), Learning Commons,, Campus Board Room and an new Office for the Campus Dean ○ creates a sense of entry and a strong connection to both Signadou and Blackfriars,
Key Facts and Statistics	<p>The total cost of the project is \$17,907,000. Practical completion of the building and progressive occupation by ACU staff commenced from early February 2018. Veritas was officially opened and blessed on 21 March 2018. The project was delivered within budget, and within the amended timeline approved by the Project Control Group following appointment of the main contractor Cockram.</p>
Project History & Achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2012 50 year Masterplan prepared by BVN Donovan Hill, calling for substantial integration of the four sites, namely; Signadou, Blackfriars, Rosary Church and Rosary Primary School. ● June 2015 – Initial funding of \$0.63M for solution development. ● November 2016 – Balance of funds of \$17.6M approved. ● January 2017 – Services diversion works commenced. ● March 2017 – Main Construction works commenced. ● August 2016 – Concept Design Report ● February 2018 – Practical Completion ● March 2018 – Café
Project Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Finding a café tenant that meets ACU’s commercial and communal objectives in time for the opening of the building. ● Relocation of the library facilities from its temporary location. ● Overseas procurement and quality control of the glazing to the facade ● Re-design and stiffening of some structural roof members were required after installation, due to excessive flexing of some members. Once rectified, ACU negotiated a accelerated program with Cockram’s to ensure opening before the start of semester 1. ● To achieve Green Star accreditation requires reporting on progress over the whole project lifecycle including a period after occupancy commences in the building.
Details and Key Team Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Architect: BVN ● Main Works Contractor: Cockram ● Project Manager: Sandrick Project Directions ● Quantity Surveyor: MBM ● Structural Engineer: Cardno Consulting ● Services Engineer: JRA Services Engineer ● Planner: Purdons ● Benefits Owner(s): Libraries Directorate, Campus Dean ● State Development Manager : David Browning up to completion. Chris Gill ongoing