Project Fact Sheet

Last Update: June 12, 2018

Project Name: **St Brigid Health Sciences Building**

Campus Address:

Details/Project Abstract	The St Brigids Health Sciences Building provides a new premises to enable the teaching of Physiotherapy at the St Aquinas Ballarat Campus: • Five specialised labs for a variety of disciplines including a research lab • A simulation ward and suite with observation room • Three flexible teaching areas that will benefit all schools on the Ballarat campus • Exercise Science Laboratory co-located with Research Laboratory
Value to the University	Following completion of the St Brigids Building, ACU offers a fully accredited Bachelor of Physiotherapy course at three campuses, namely Ballarat, North Sydney and Brisbane. Accordingly the additional offering at Ballarat enhances the University's ability to meet local and interstate student preferences This national approach to course offering enhances ACU's already strong reputation and established track record as a quality higher education provider in the health sciences sector. ACU's continued investment has resulted in superior student satisfaction results for this course offering.

Key Facts and Statistics	The total cost of the project is $12,454,000. Practical completion of the building and progressive occupation by ACU staff commenced from December 2016. The project was delivered within budget and on time for the commencement of Semester 1, 2017.
Project History & Achievements	• October 2014 – ACU submits an expression of interest to the Australian Physiotherapy Council to establish the Bachelor of Physiotherapy course at St Aquinas to commence in 2017. • August 2015 - Planning application lodged • November 2015 – Tender for main construction contractor • March 2016 – Construction commences on site • May 2016 – Anatomy cadaver license application submitted • September 2016 – Approval granted to fitout and co-locate an Exercise Science Lab into the Research Laboratory for an additional $0.4M. • December 2016 – Chief Health Inspection Officer visit. Please note, that an additional inspection was planned but not required due to 100% compliance at first inspection. The CHIO advised that this feat had never been previously achieved by any University. • 18 January 2017 – Practical Completion • February 2017 – Teaching commences at St Brigids • April 2017 – Official opening.

Project Challenges	• Short timeframe for procurement and construction
	• Accreditation of the Wet Laboratory:
	  ○ Health inspection of the lab in December 2016 required the wet lab to be fully functional by this deadline i.e. before PC for the entire building.
	  ○ Gazettal process takes two to three months after the CHIO is satisfied that the lab is 100% compliance.

Details and Key Team Members	• Architect: Woods Bagot • Main Works Contractor: H Troon • Project Manager: Gallagher Jeffs • Quantity Surveyor: Rider Levett Bucknall P/L • Structural Engineer: Wallbridge & Gilbert • Building Services Engineer: Connor Pincus • Fire Engineer: RedFire Engineers • Town Planner: James Iles • Audio Visual - InDesign • State Development Manager : John Kouris • Benefits Owner(s): Michelle Campbell, Suzanne Kuys and Stephen Guinea