

AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR NEUROSCIENCE AND MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH

This prestigious project, with a cost budget of \$225 million, consists of two new high profile, interactive and contemporary buildings designed to engender interaction and enhanced collaboration.

Six organisations are located over two sites (Parkville and Austin). A sharing of similar design elements and themes was adopted to create the sense of a single centre throughout all buildings and sites. In order to promote interactivity, a 'stacking arrangement' has been adopted throughout the project. This stacking configuration is a large square or rectangular planned building over four or five levels inter-connected with open stairs, lightwells, and meeting places, to optimise visual and circulation connections.

Parkville Campus

The Parkville building is designed to create a new high profile pedestrian/urban 'gateway' into the campus and build on the University's important Royal Parade address.

The layout of the Parkville site comprises a six level structure with three levels of underground carpark and rooftop plant room.

The ground floor houses all public spaces and loading areas.

The first floor houses the Executive and clinical spaces, with four inter-connected levels of office/laboratory accommodation for the Centre staff.

The top floor is home to the animal house.



Austin Campus

The Heidelberg project is designed to strengthen the Austin's Research Precinct, improve the urban quality of the campus and increase Austin Health's (and the Centre's) profile along its Burgundy Street frontage. The new three level Austin building is designed to take advantage of the many views. The ground floor has been 'cut and filled' to provide a large single ground floor plane and accommodates the main Centre foyer reception, public facilities, clinics suite and imaging facility.

The two upper levels contain the 'private' work spaces for Centre staff including the work laboratories, office accommodation, meeting rooms and Centre staff room. First floor accommodates large meeting rooms and office space for staff attached to the clinical suite, while the second floor accommodates the Executive suite and office accommodation for other research, clinical and academic staff.

