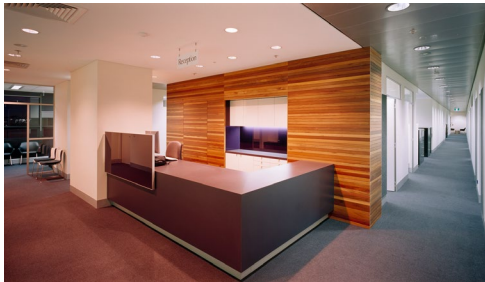
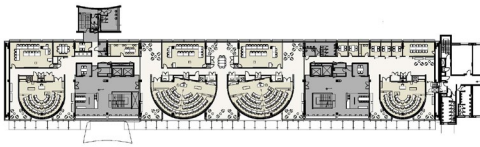
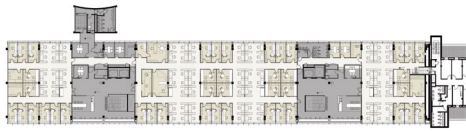


## Heffron Base Building and Interior refurbishment Australian School of Business, UNSW



The Refurbishment of the Heffron Building at the UNSW for the Australian School of Business (ASB) had the following two key objectives: to consolidate the various divisions of the ASB into one unified location with a cohesive image for the School; and to create quality post-graduate coursework teaching spaces. The ASB was allocated the Heffron Building, a six storey 12,000 sqm building originally designed for the School of Chemistry in 1962.

Spatially and programmatically there are three main areas which seek to foster innovative learning and office working environments. These areas are: the lower level Teaching Facilities; the upper level Academic Offices areas and the Lobby Areas.



The Teaching floors contain a variety of teaching spaces, including: case study theatres; flexible flat floor teaching spaces; syndicate rooms and break out spaces. Emphasis has been placed on the importance of providing a variety of collaborative learning settings both formal and casual, where interaction between teacher and student as well as student to student is promoted. The Case Study Theatres suit both didactic and discursive learning; the flexible Flat Floor spaces can be used for smaller didactic classes, active collaboration and discussion; whilst the Syndicate Rooms and breakout spaces are designed for collaboration and reflection. Conceptually the Case Study Theatres with their crescent shape have been placed as free floating drums within the space, surrounded by free-form breakout areas.

The upper level Office areas have replaced the traditional perimeter office and centralized open plan organization with a more equitable arrangement of alternating bands of offices and open plan, allowing natural light and views across the width for all occupants of the building and minimizes corridors. Conceptually the existing Building Lobbies provide a social and pedagogical focus for the School. The existing lift core and public stair have been retained and refurbished with the lobbies expanded to allow for meeting places, informal study spaces and tutorial spaces as well as tea and amenities.

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FJMT Architects: External Architecture  
**Client:** University of New south Wales  
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