

## Faculty of Architecture, Building & Planning Business Plan 2009-2013 Executive Summary



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
MELBOURNE

*A purpose built building stands facing onto the union lawn reflecting the nexus between our professional design disciplines and the excellence of an inspiring facility. Students mingle in world class state-of-the art design studios, seminar rooms, workshops, libraries and lounges, and academic and professional staff work with ease in co-located office spaces. Across the way students walk into a heritage listed student centre; beneath vaulted ceilings are accessible areas in which their enquiries about enrolment, courses and assignments are addressed and their life experience on the University journey unfolds. Flowing from the University's flagship new generation Bachelor of Environments degree, the Melbourne School of Design attracts leading cohorts of students from within Australia and overseas to work with our academic colleagues who are regarded amongst the best in the world, addressing issues around the region as well as in the nation. Relevant governance and management structures are embedded effectively within administrative practices, and staff workloads are managed and reviewed equitably. The profession and public seek us out for advice and to work in partnership on a wide range of relevant issues as the Faculty leads the way within the community and media on issues of relevance, concern and interest.*

Our vision and our commitment are clear. We have a plan to bring our vision to reality which will be accomplished by working together with a sense of urgency and purpose to accomplish key outcomes so that by 2013 we will have:

- Commenced the construction of a state of the art building with superb student and staff facilities that use our resources carefully.
- Realised and manifested design leadership across all the disciplines in the Melbourne School of Design.
- Created a graduate cohort of high regard locally and internationally, which in turn attracts competitive applications for our courses and a program of highly regarded visiting academics from around the world.
- Successfully realised the Bachelor of Environments as a flagship for the University's Melbourne Model.
- Guided students from the teach-out phase to successful career outcomes.
- Provided teaching at the highest level of quality attainable for our professions, with a governance and management structure that strongly supports our academic goals and workplace vision.
- Extended our research success to new areas in which we are regional leaders, funded by sources not limited to ARC Discovery funds.
- Successfully revamped and restructured Faculty governance and administrative arrangements to address key business and financial imperatives.
- Engaged with our community to develop a well-resourced advancement profile.

Our goals are ambitious but realistic; we have a renewed vision for the faculty and a commitment from key faculty leaders to contribute in order to successfully realise our goals.