



The University of Auckland Science Centre

Project Details

Client: The University of Auckland
 Location: Auckland, New Zealand
 Approx. Value: \$160m
 Floor Area: 23 000 m²
 Completed: October 2016

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Awards

NZIA Local Architecture Award –
 Education 2018

The Science Centre (Building 302) provides accommodation for the Schools of Psychology, Chemistry and Environment in addition to staff spaces for the Faculty of Science itself. It is designed as the anchor of The University of Auckland's Science Precinct.

Located on the edge of the city campus, the project responds to a brief that sought to increase the University's presence at a key gateway whilst bringing together new and existing facilities within the precinct.

Formally the project is organised to offer a generous "window into the life of the University" for passers-by and the city at large, whilst the provision of new sheltered edges to the street and ground plane linkages weave a connective network between the public realm and the campus community.

The building is based on an organisational strategy that promotes social and academic interaction. As with many previous Architectus projects, the arrangement of the spaces in section is key. Activities are organised around a series of staggered "rooms" and a connecting atrium, creating a flexible environment for research, learning and interdisciplinary communication.

