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Preserving our trees and increasing our open spaces

ACU is fortunate to have campuses in vibrant, picturesque communities around Australia, and we know how much our students, staff and neighbours value open areas and green space. This is particularly true in Melbourne, where we are lucky to be located near substantial parks and gardens available for public use.

In the spirit of those surrounds, we seek to develop a permeable, open campus that allows easy movement from one side to the other, and features open and green space for everyone to enjoy.

Our expert architects, Lyons, have produced a design that builds on the commitment to open space that we began with St Mary of the Cross Square, a broad, open public space on the site of the former service station on Brunswick Street.

Our proposal continues that approach by freeing up part of the existing carpark on Young Street to establish two areas

of open space, including a 'pocket park' at the centre of the campus. This will provide a welcome green break from the surrounding buildings and opens to the community an area of the neighbourhood that has previously been unavailable.

We also know the value of trees within the inner city, and we have worked hard with Council and with our planning team to minimise our impact on existing trees. As a result, only two trees will be removed from the street-side as part of the project; and we will be planting elsewhere on campus to compensate for their loss.



Proposed green space on existing Young Street carpark site

More information

For more information and for updates as the planning process continues, please visit www.acu.edu.au