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RMIT University has been progressively rebuilding its main city campus as part of a sustained transformation of both its building stock and its open spaces. The Urban Spaces Project commenced in 1997 and has been continuously unfolding new spaces and places progressively each year.

Sector 5
(north) Alumni Stair

Sector 5 is at the intersection of a number of circulation routes that criss-cross the campus. Its main feature is a big stairway that links University Way through an arch in the old Gaol walls to Alumni Court beyond. It is an urban space with considerable drama.

Sector 12 Alumni Court

Alumni Court is a large walled courtyard with direct access from the campus through to Russell Street. It is a retreat space away from the bustle of the city – a place to pause and contemplate or run around on the lawn. It is also

an event space for large marquees and festivals.

Sector 13 The Belvedere

The Belvedere is a terrace that links the former legal precinct buildings and spaces to the main campus and Russell Street. The terrace which sits at the top of an embankment overlooks University lawn and the walls of the old Gaol.

"What the (architects) have done is clean up our backyard which is now a central meeting place for students and staff. They helped bring more life to what was once a neglected part of the campus." Professor Margaret Gardner AO, Vice-Chancellor, RMIT University

"The judges thought (University Lawn) a clever, thoughtful and intelligent plan to create a public space." AIA Walter Burley Griffin Award national jury 2010



sector 5 alumni stair



sector 13 the belvedere



sector 12 alumni court

