

jacaranda treehouse





site conditions

UQ St Lucia

1:5000

- Water
- Brisbane River
- UQ Lakes
- Green Space
- Landscape Park Lands
- Sporting Fields
- Site
- Areas of Access for site
- Built Form
- Series of courtyards & plazas
- Access Ways
- Car
- Bus
- Pedestrian

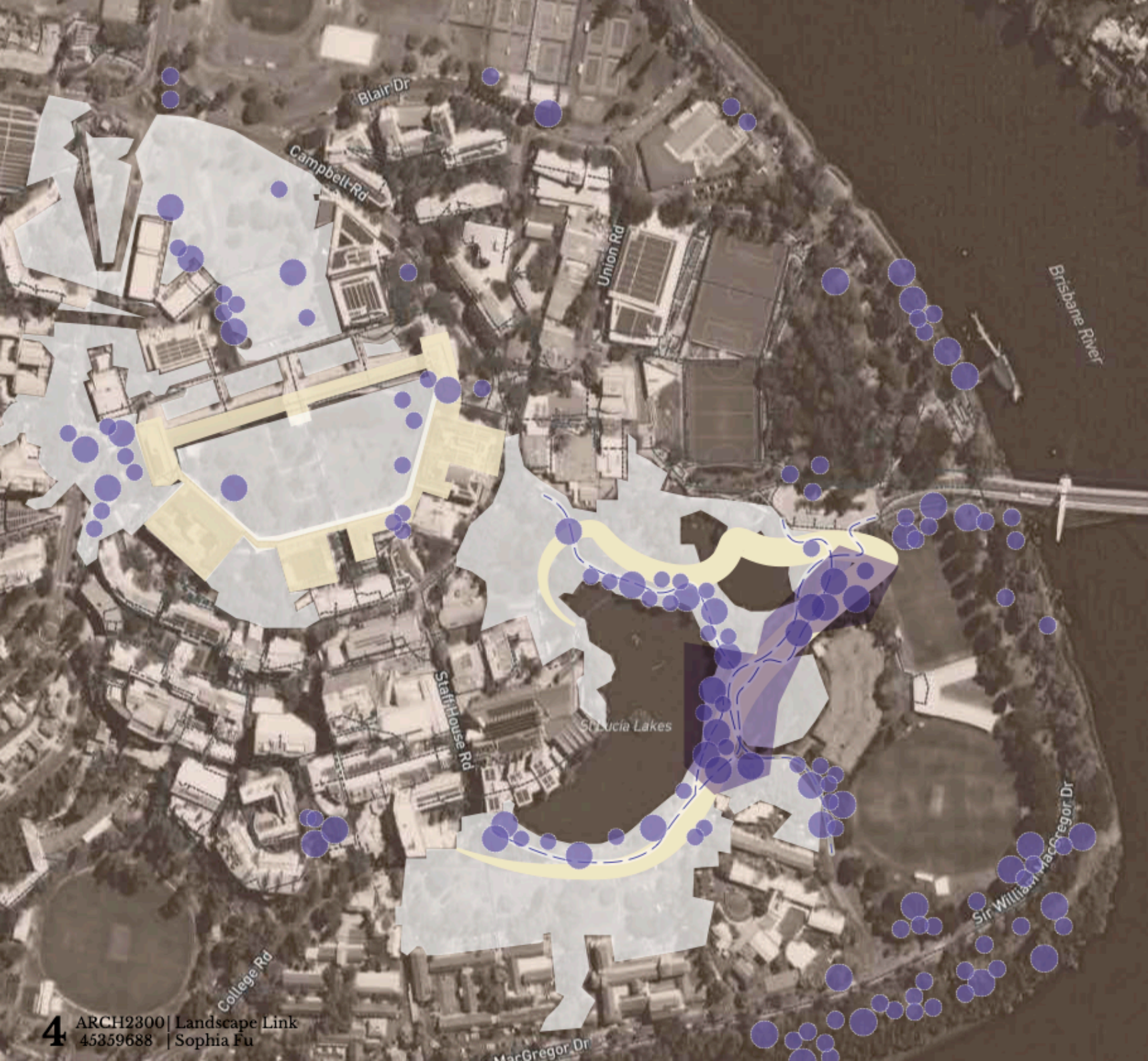
site conditions
looking for patterns on campus

UQ St Lucia 1:2500

○ Sunpath
1. winter solsticte
2. equinox
3. summer solstice



■ Area that require shading

~ wind paths
local breezes

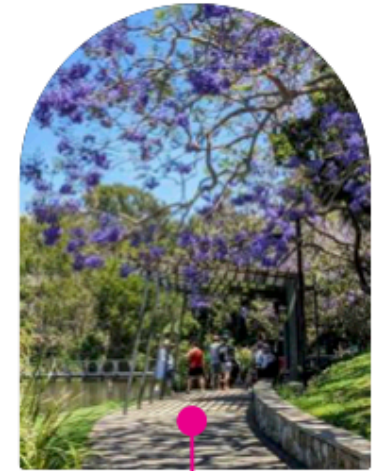


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UQ St Lucia 1:2500

-  Jacaranda trees
-  Zoned Green Space
Natural Landscape
-  BLOOM FESTIVAL
Area/Venue
-  Jacaranda Lane
-  UQ Built Heritage
Great Court - Colonnade
Sandstone Facade &
Stone Sculptures
-  Public Areas for the locals
Users Mostly by
non staff/students

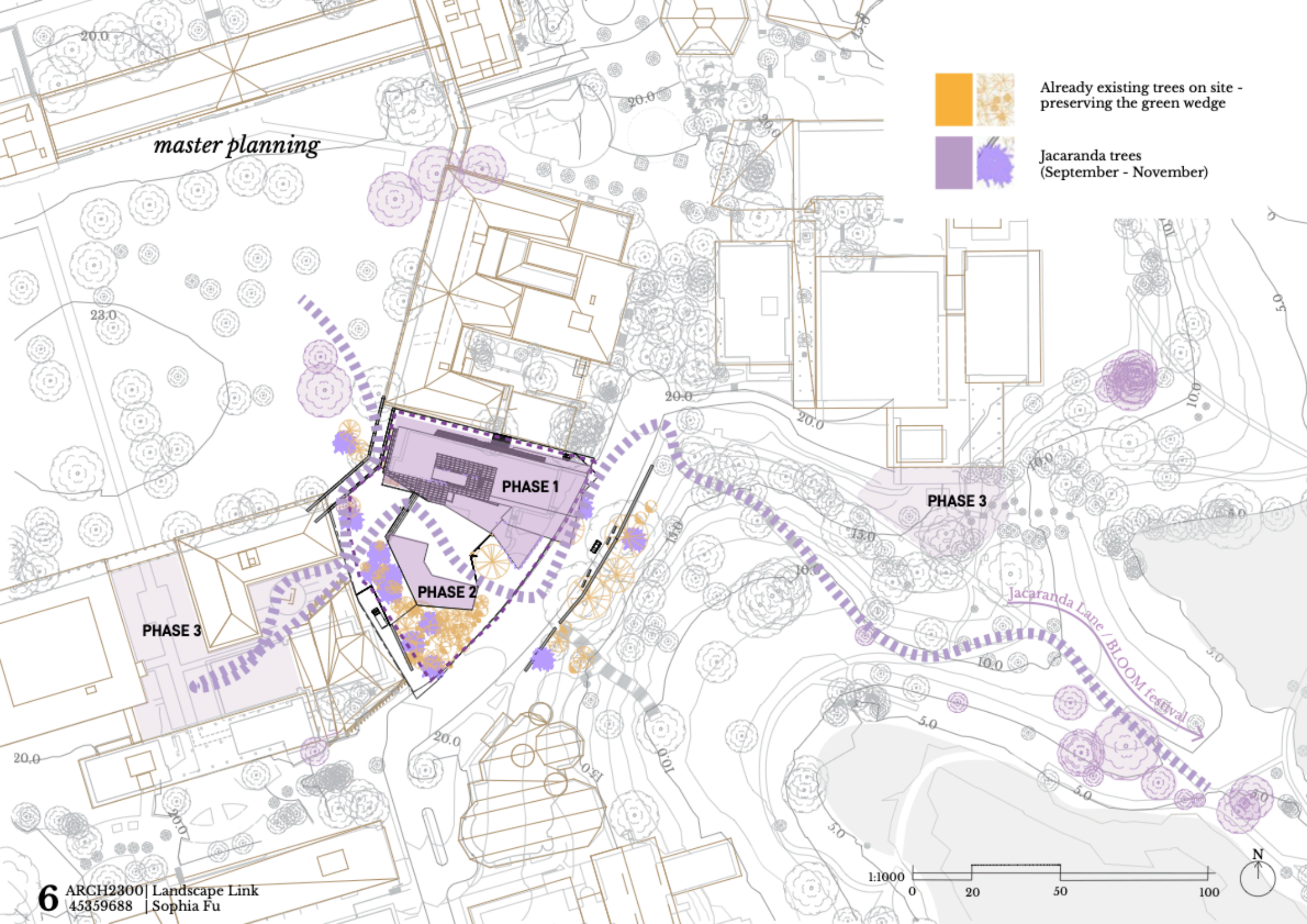
looking for patterns on campus



*Jacaranda trees are visual symbols
which draws people together*

Introduction of Addition User Group





master planning

- Already existing trees on site - preserving the green wedge
- Jacaranda trees (September - November)

PHASE 1

PHASE 2

PHASE 3

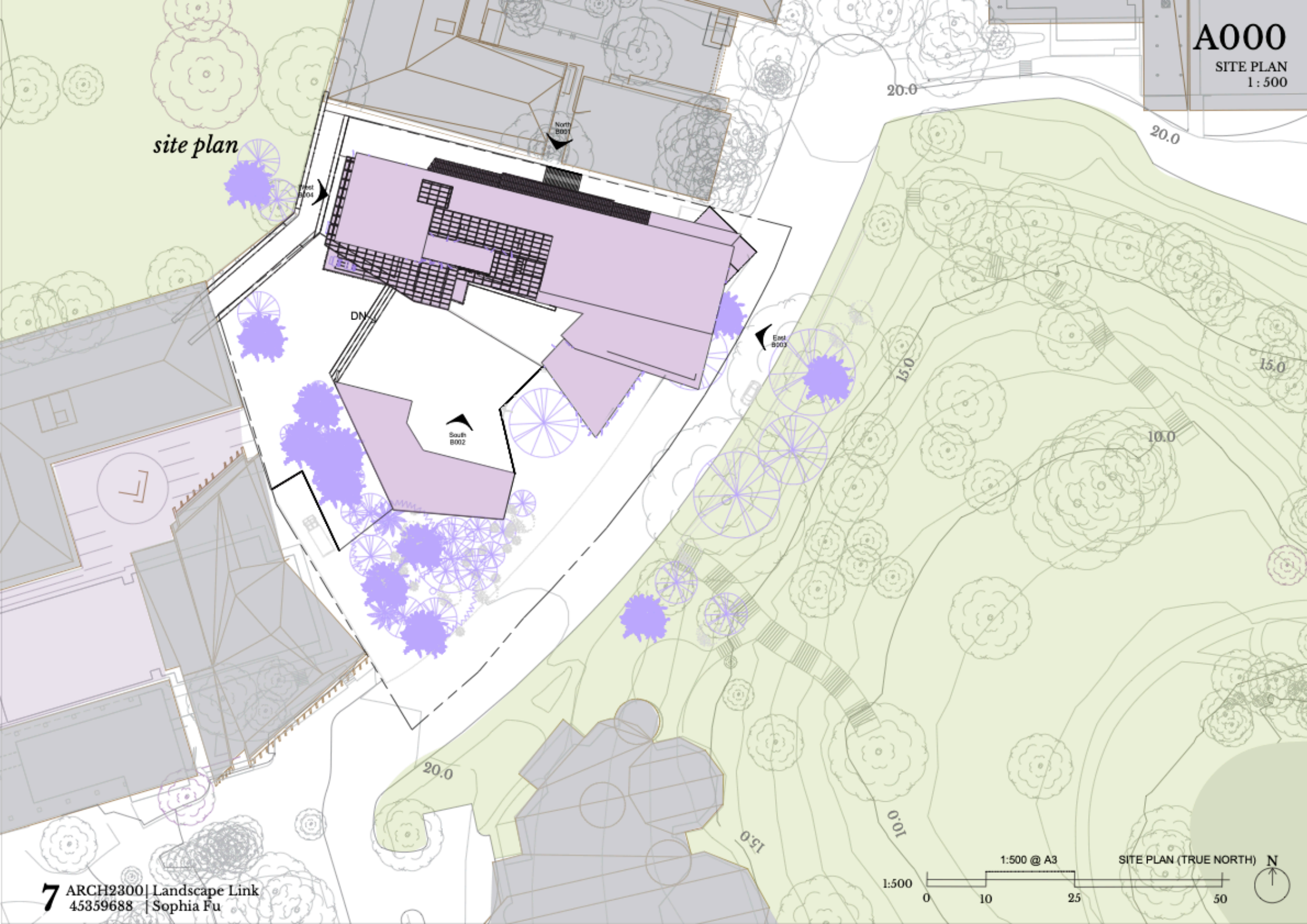
PHASE 3

Jacaranda Lane / BLOOM festival

A000

SITE PLAN
1:500

site plan





RL / Great Court = 20M
Staff House Rd = RL - 5260MM

plans

SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

UQ VENTURES

A002

GREAT COURT PLAN
1 : 250

GREAT COURT

East
B004

HA01
B1. Short Section - Heritage Bldg Attica Interior Elevation

DN

AA02

RL

RL - 760MM

B2. SHORT SECTION

South
B002

PHASE 2
PAVILION EVENT SPACE

RL - 5260MM

AA02
B3. Short Sections - Fire Stairs

STAFF HOUSE RD

HA00
HERITAGE, Attica & Façade

A. Long Section
AA01

C. Study Lounge Elevation
JL00

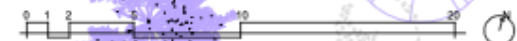
East
B003

SCHOOL OF
MATHS + PHYSICS

PHASE 3
COURTYARD

9 ARCH2300 | Landscape Link
45359688 | Sophia Fu

1:250 @ A3 GREAT COURT LEVEL PLAN







West
B004

Head of School

International
Liaison

Researchers
Lobbies

Lift Core

Female WC

PWD WC

Male WC

Service Rm

Research Open
Office (Holdest)

Research Open
Office (Collab)

Research Office

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Research Office

Head of School

Senior
Academic
Advisor

Assistant
Studies Director

Student Director

Employment
Services

Research Open
Office (Holdest)

CP04

B2. SHORT SECTION

B1. Atria Interior Elevator Short Section - Heritage Atria

AA02

HA01

South
B052

B3. Short Sections - Fire Stairs

AA02

HA00

HERITAGE. Atria & Façade

A. Long Section
AA01

D. Voids long Section
TH02

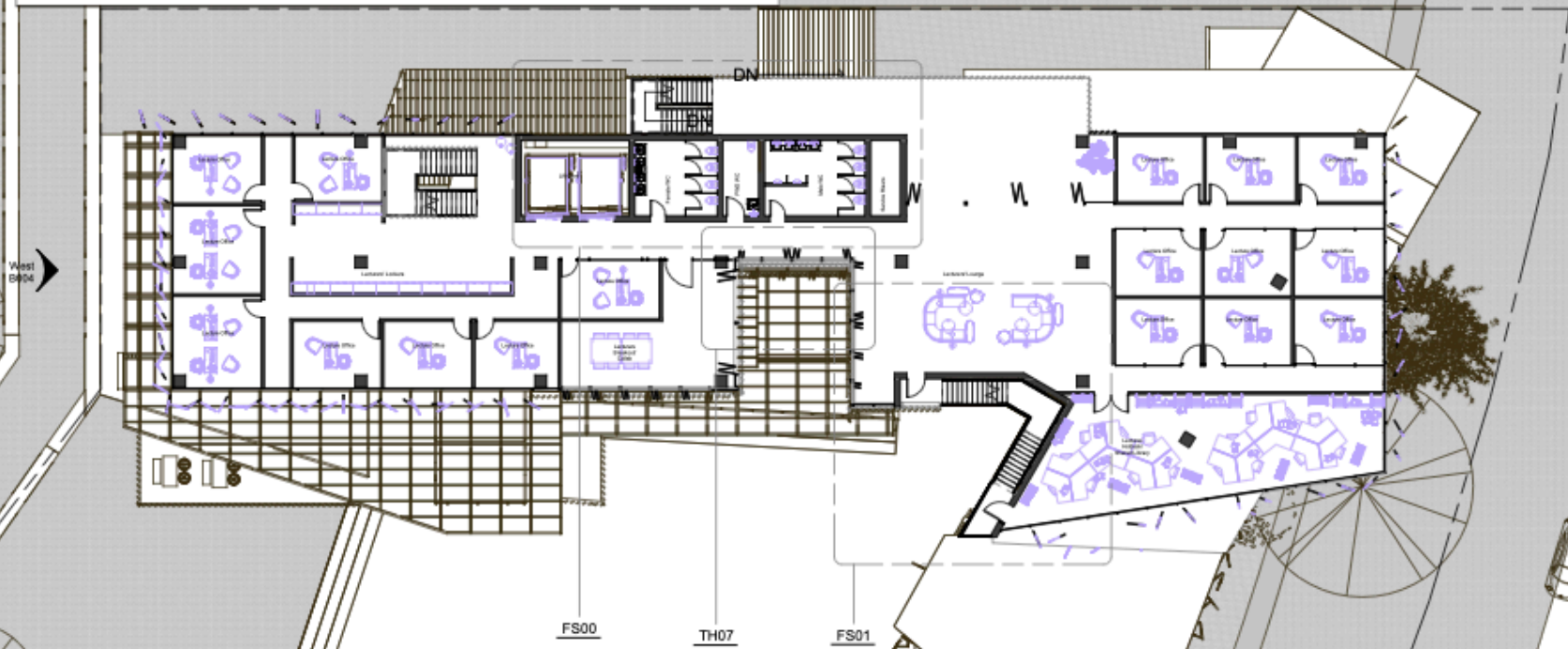
C. Study Lounge Elevations
JL00

B003

1:250 @ A3

LEVEL 4 PLAN



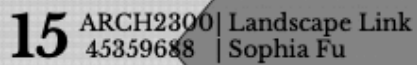


East B003



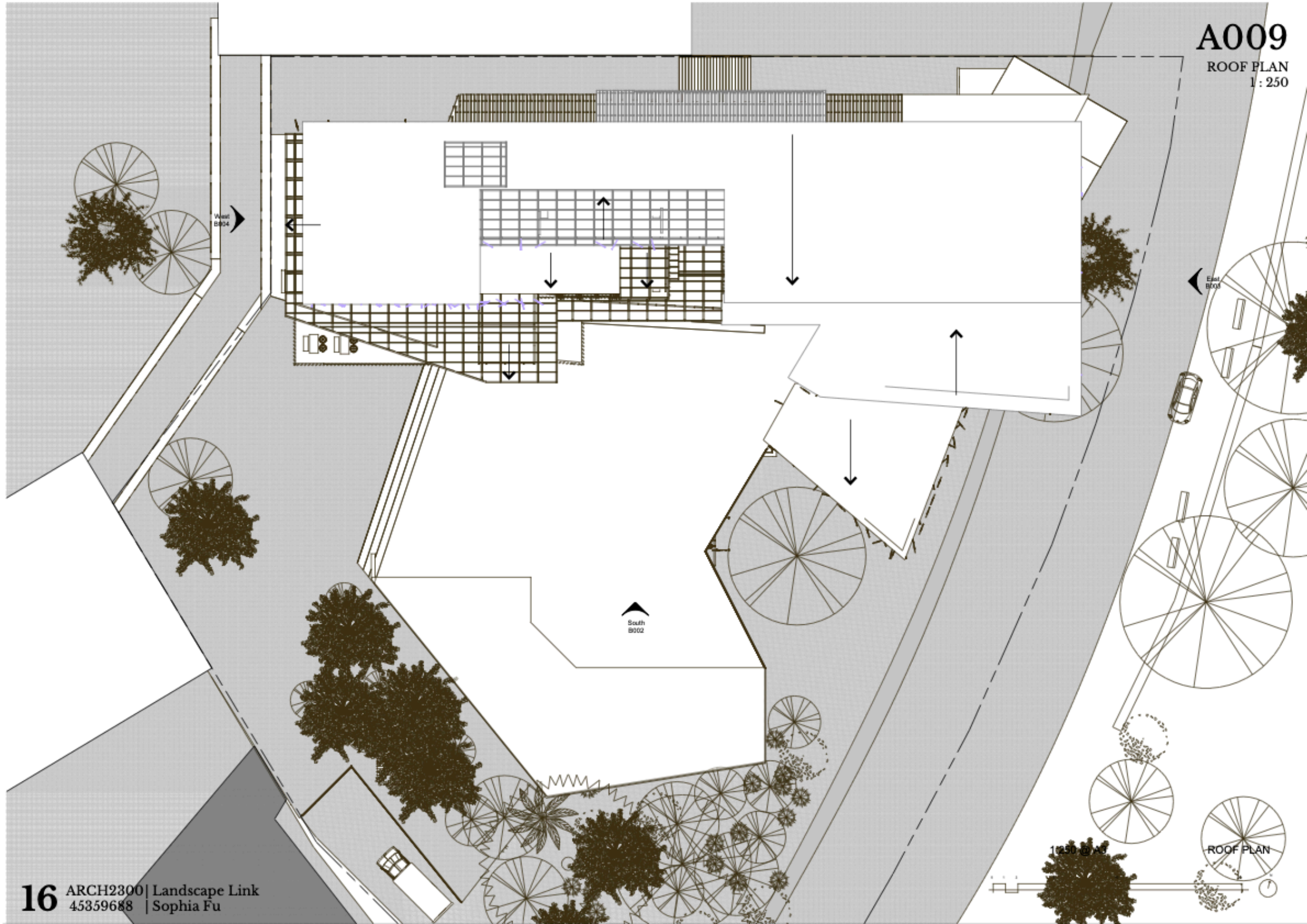
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LEVEL 5 PLAN

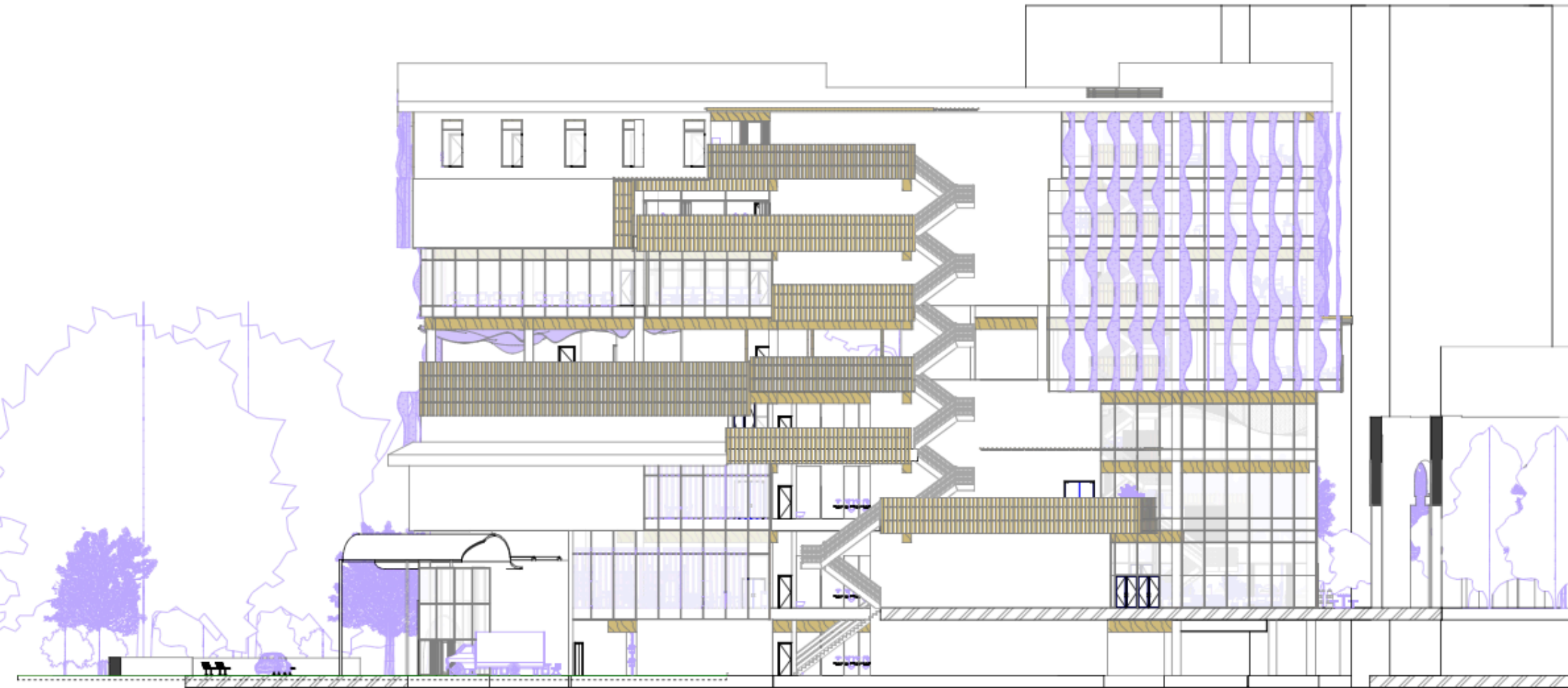


A009

ROOF PLAN
1:250



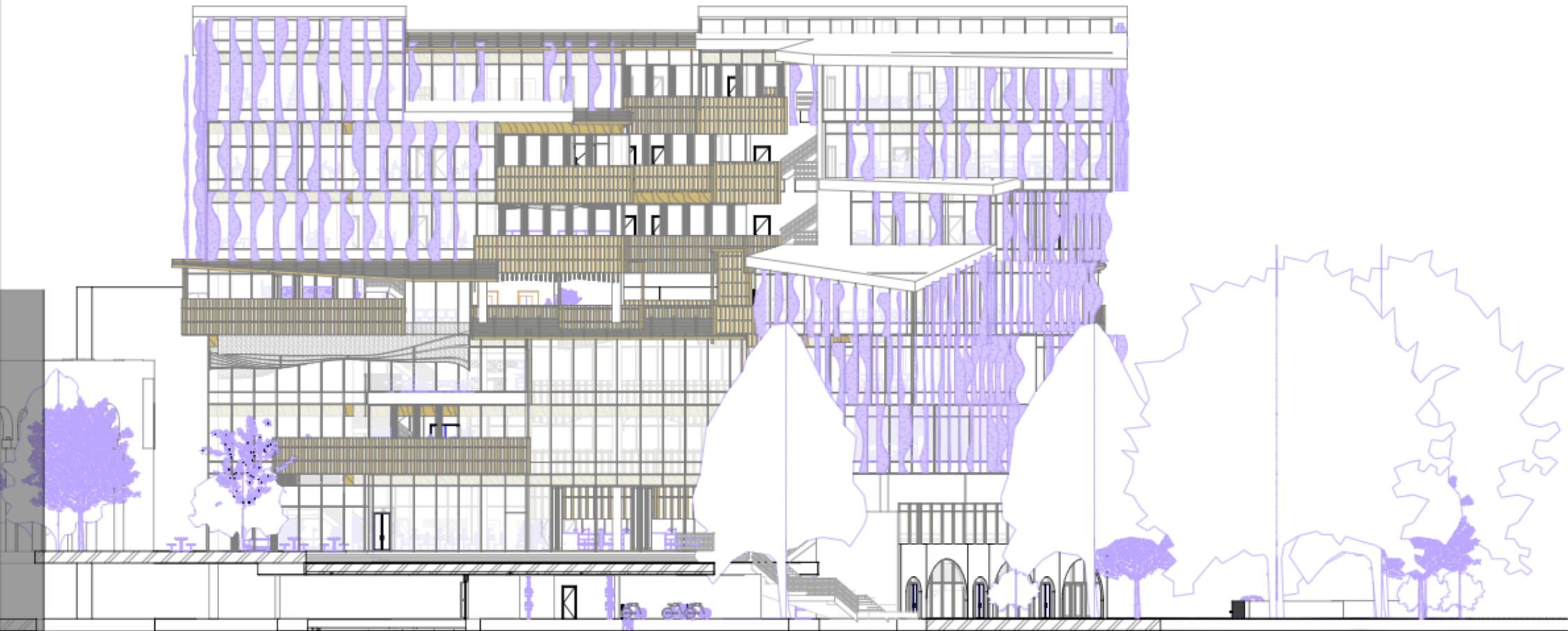
ROOF PLAN





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EAST ELEVATION

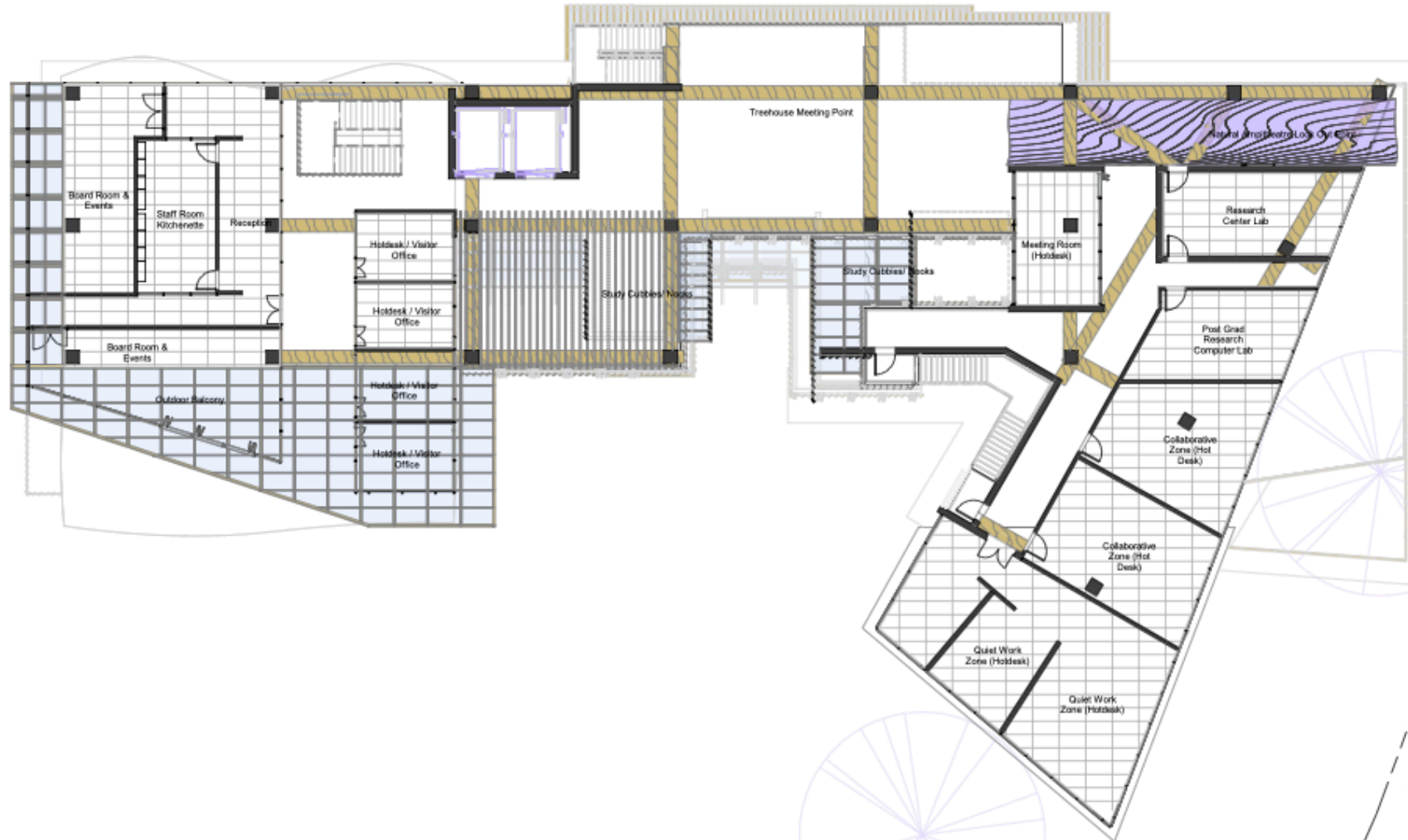


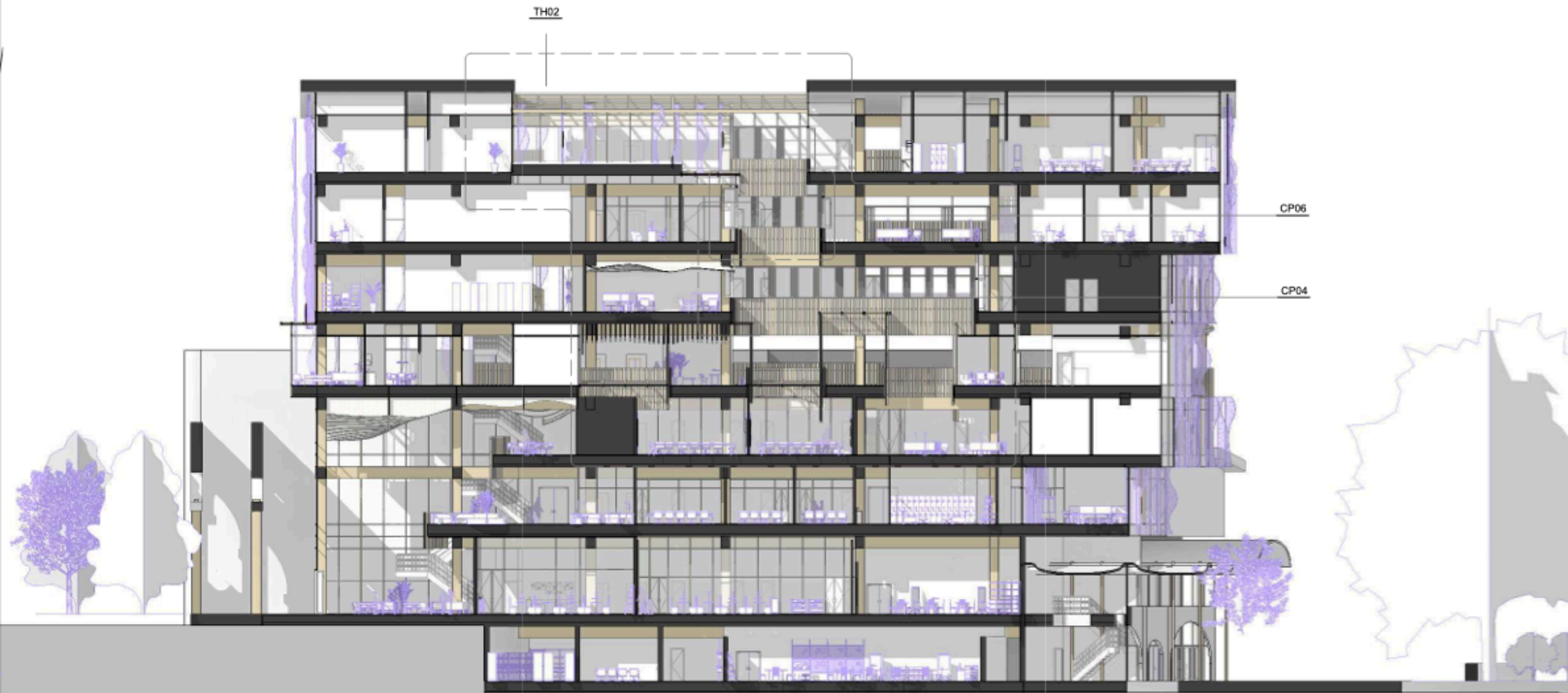


1:250 @ A3

NORTH ELEVATION







LONG SECTION
HEART OF THE BLDG

1:250 @ A3

1 B1. Short Section - Heritage Attria
1 : 250



1:250 @ A3

SHORT SECTION
HERITAGE ATTRIA

2 B2. Short Section - Jacaranda Treehouse
1 : 250



1:250 @ A3

SHORT SECTION
STANDARD LEVELS

1 B3. Short Sections - Fire Stairs

1:250



2 Floating Terrace Callout Detail

1:50



AA03

Short Section
As indicated

1 B1. Attria Elevation - Broadroom Roof Callout



2 C. Jacaranda Lounge - Level 2 External Tutorial Rooms 1:50



JL04

Glazed Roof
1:50

*Material layering to create open spaces and enclosed cubbies
sectional cut axonometric*



external layer

- operable edge
- varying shades for light qualities
- void pockets located in the south away for harsh sun, enjoyable
- open & closed modes for different weather conditions environment all year

interior layer

- shifting floor plates
- creating a visual void for users to orient themselves,
- location for user groups to see each other and connect
- cubby break spaces invite users to explore.
- thin, open floor plan, good ventilation

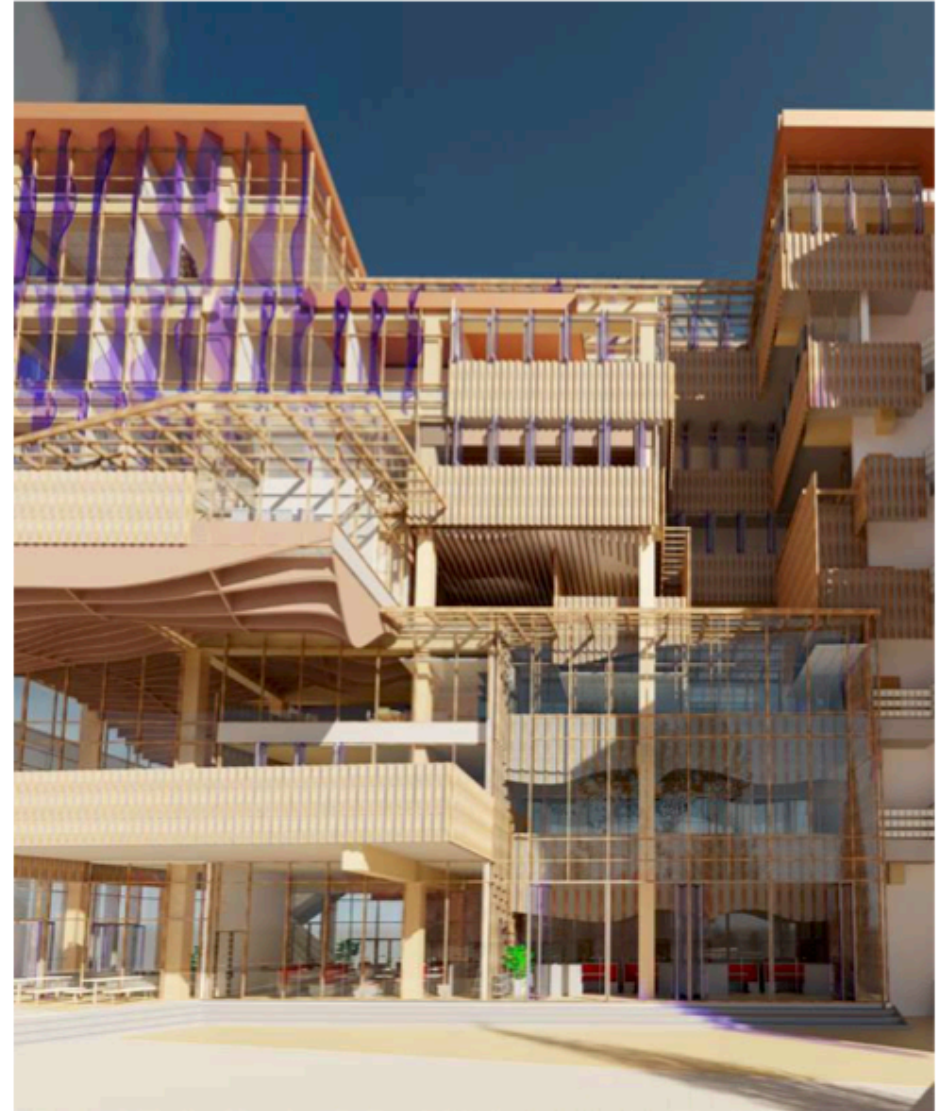
Jacaranda Treehouse design in UQ context



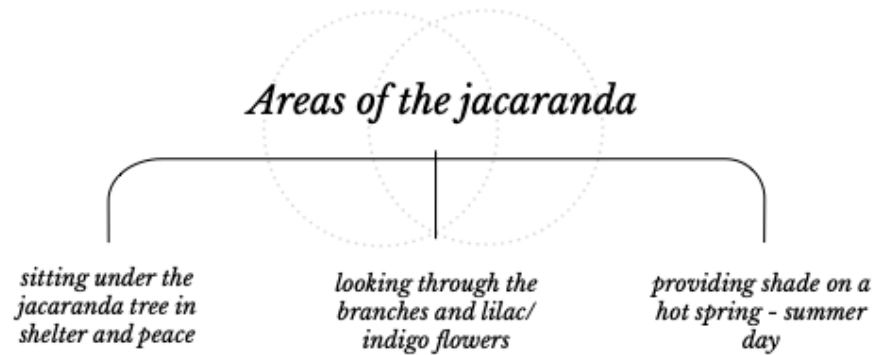
Landscaping - preserving existing trees on site & additional jacaranda trees to extend the Jacaranda lane



Perspective views of building from the plaza

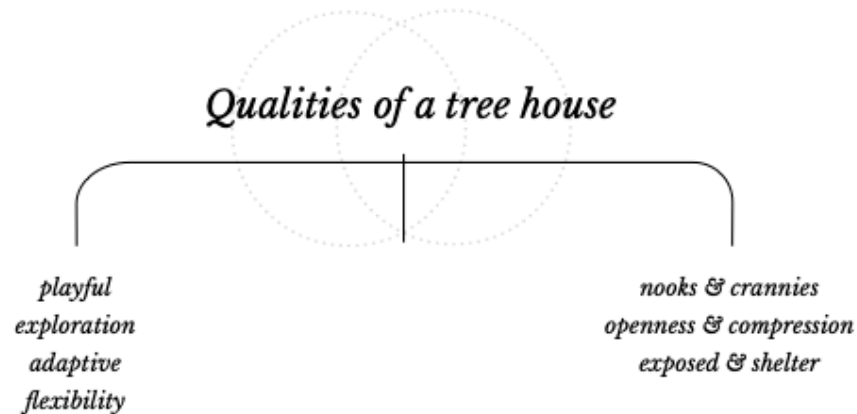


✧ jacaranda & tree house



Definition of jacaranda (noun):

- 1. tropical bignoniaceous tree having fern-like leaves and pale purple flowers and widely cultivated in temperate areas of Australia*
- 2. the fragrant ornamental wood of any of these trees*



Definition of tree house (noun):

a structure (such as a playhouse) built among the branches of a tree

under the jacaranda

1. Light



1.1 Layered materials
filtered light, dappled shade




1.2 shelter



1.3 delicate, open, breathability



3. Natural Heritage



3.1 connects to jacaranda lane



3.2 celebrates jacarandas
seasonal changes



3.2 perservation of pathways
relation with trees



2. Form



2.1 Thin & Brittle




2.2 Floating spaces



2.3 organic, smooth transtions



4. Built Environment



4.1 nooks & cranny
hide and seek



4.2 playful spaces



4.3 encouraging exploration



U
university

*Great Court Department
Entrance Precedent*



UQ Sandstone Colour Palette

*built
environment*

Jacaranda



heritage

*natural landscape
garden campus*

the UQ identity

Q
queensland

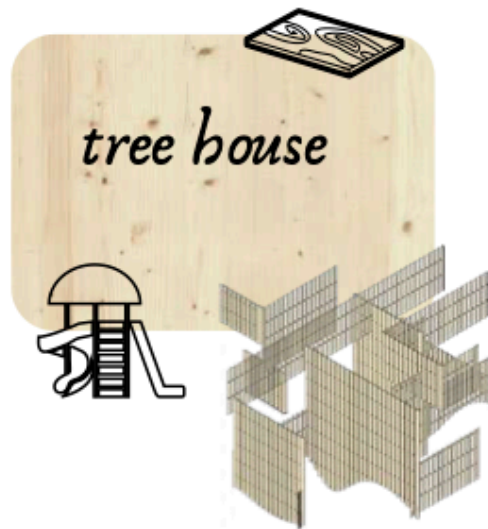
Material palette / Architecture Concerns

*built
environment*

heritage

*natural gardens
parklands*

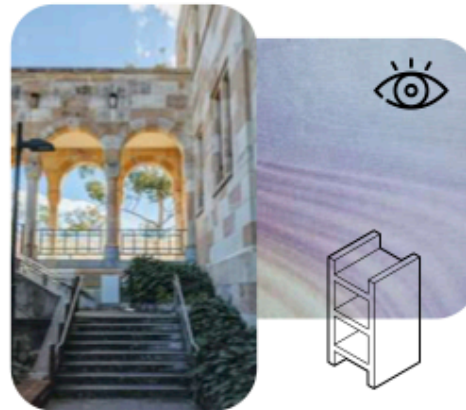
abstracting ingredients & pattern that already existing @ UQ St Lucia



*timber ceiling & batten
from all public and share areas*

*secondary fully operable edge, introducing natural
light
reduction of on mechanical air conditioning
high-quality & fresh ventilation
increase airflow & hygiene benefit*

*located in shaded comfortable areas away from heat
& sun*



contrast

*dedicated HERITAGE ATRIA
increasing awareness & appreciation of
UQ St Lucia's built heritage & sandstone finish*

*3 storey curtain wall exposed and facing the
neighboring School of Environmental Sciences*

*masterplanning plaza & orientation of the building
further enhance the grand entry to the Great Court with
the landing ground level*



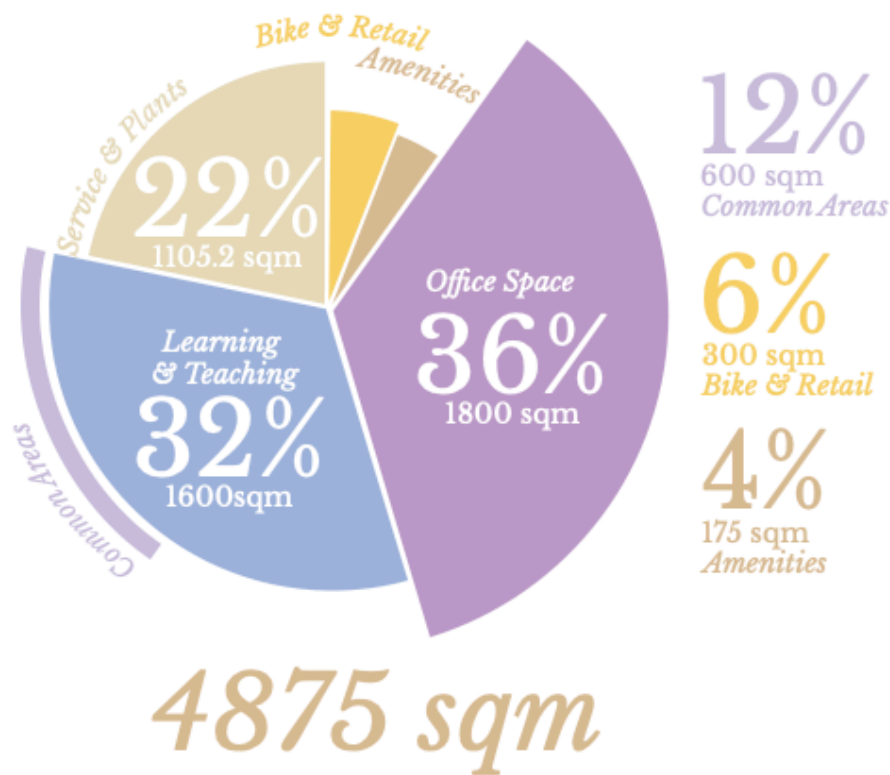
jacaranda

*Polycarbonate Shading system the bathes spaces in purple
hue. The purple shadow will show during certain times of
the day when the facade is providing shade.*

*Seasonal Jacaranda Phenomenon (September - November)
UQ is synonymous purple for Brisbane locals. Time of
academic intensity of Students & iconic for Brisbane locals*

Purple hue: in sandstone, UQ branding colour

*Jacaranda high contrast, filtered light/ shading
Purple carpet of the flowers flows from the tree.*



scheduled areas

Office Spaces	1800	36%
Postgraduate	450	
Academic Research	450	
Academic Teaching	450	
Academic Admin/ Managers	200	
Operational Admin Staff	250	
Learning & Teaching	1600	32%
Common Areas	600	
Additional Accommodation	150	
Bike & Retail	300	6%
Amenities	175	4%
Services & Plants	1100	22%
Total	4975	

Public

Landscape
Outdoor

Bike &
Retail

Amenities

Teaching
& Learning

Postgraduate
Student
Meeting
Research

Academic
Office

Office
Admin

Private

Utilities

programed areas - aspirations

breakdown of user groups

Include planned outdoor and landscape (preserve for public)

Decrease ratio of the office space

Increase ration of student and learning space (use additional accommodation space for this).

Stronger priority for teaching & meeting, postgraduate and flexible space

Design spaces that can be multi-purpose to preserve landscape and decrease height of the buildings.

approach to workspaces

"30% formal office are unoccupied due to part-time or remote work"

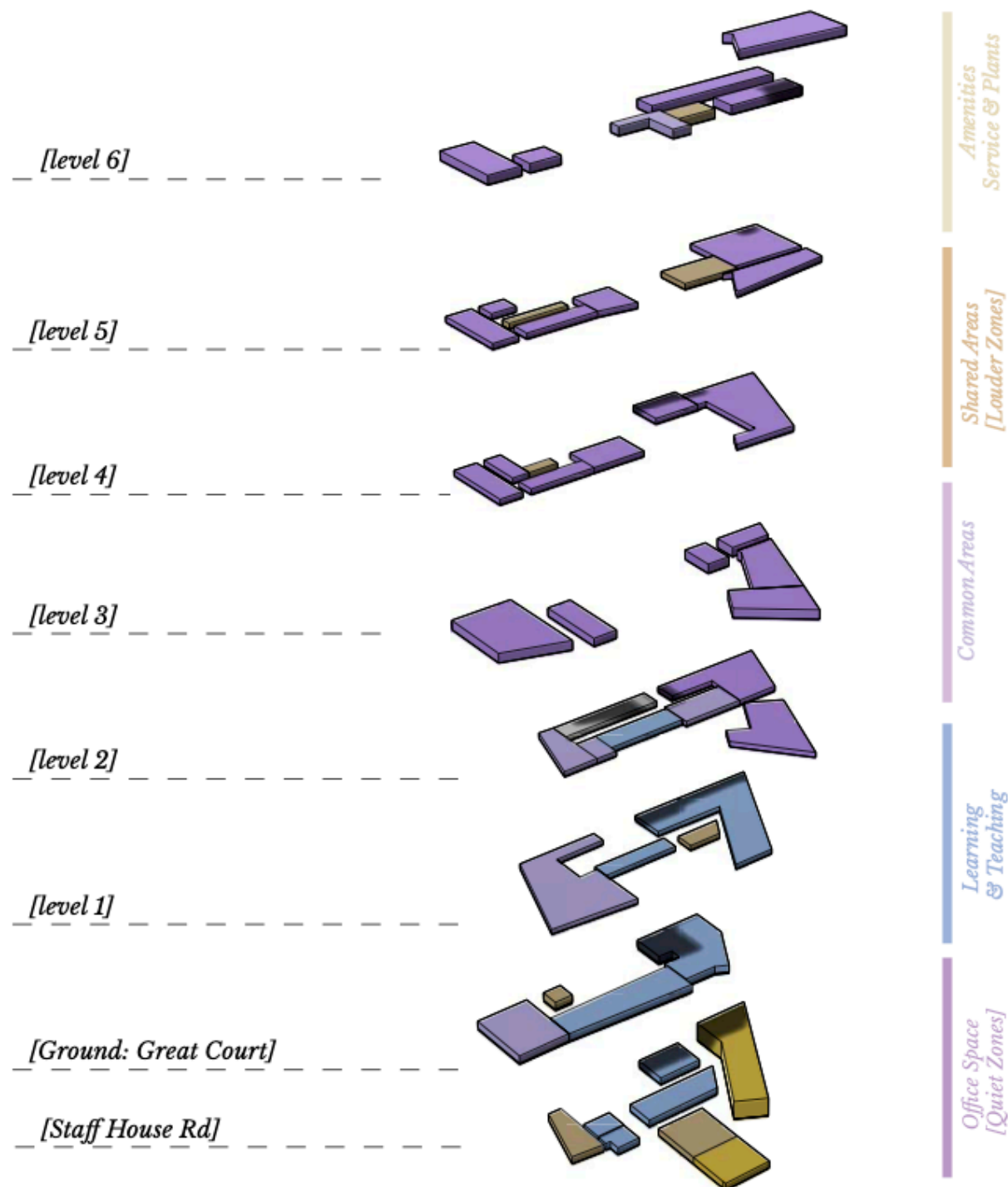
-Wilson Architects research on Educational Offices

proposal:

30% of individual office will be convert to hot-desk open offices and meeting rooms

this encourages collaborating and users to go between levels 2-6 to work/ study. - interactions amongst the school

- decentralizing academic hierarchy



Amenities
Service & Plants

Shared Areas
[Louder Zones]

Common Areas

Learning
& Teaching

Office Space
[Quiet Zones]

zoning strategies / education philosophies / objectives

post graduate offices

[level 2]

schedule
total - 450sqm
30% - 162sqm
60% - 324sqm

proposed: student
13 individual offices
breakout spaces
external tutor rooms
Hot desk open office
lockers

[level 3]

operable/ exposed to outdoors
open bridge connecting

- hotdesk shared/ individual offices
- board room& events
- open terrance to the great court
- no core/ void in building form

Shared Common Spaces - Optimising The Schedule

hotdesk quiet and collab (louder)
zones - seperator for user
preferences

computer room doubles up as
media studio

lockers and libraries minimise
belongs occupying unssed spaces

lockers & libraries minimise belongings
occupying unused spaces

rooms are equiped will shared resource
to flexibe space usage

Hotdesk spot - intergrated technology
to show which spaces are vacant or
digitally book (e.g. like the SLQ EDGE
system)

academic admin/mangers

[level 4]

receptions
social spaces
views of great court
boardroom & events

operational admim staff

[level 6]

wating lounge
kichenette
lockers
views of UQ lakes

academic research staff

[level 4]

schedule
total - 450sqm
30% - 150sqm
60% - 300sqm

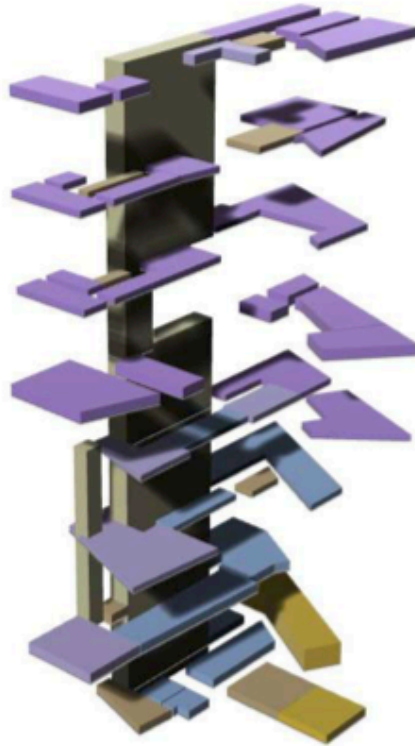
proposed: research staff
10 individual offices
2x Hot desk open offices
collaborative open office
shared library
lockers

academic teaching

[level 5]

schedule
total - 450sqm
30% - 150sqm
60% - 300sqm

proposed: lecture & tutors
17 individual offices
breakout spaces
meeting rooms
Hot desk open office
lockers



Office Space [Quiet Zones]

The Quieter individual office located on the higher level to provide unnecessary distraction

On each level there is opportunities for:
 - individual offices
 - team collaborative offices
 - open plan offices

Learning & Teaching

Located on the low floor for ease of access

Ground floor Staff House Rd entrances to minimize circulation bottle-neck

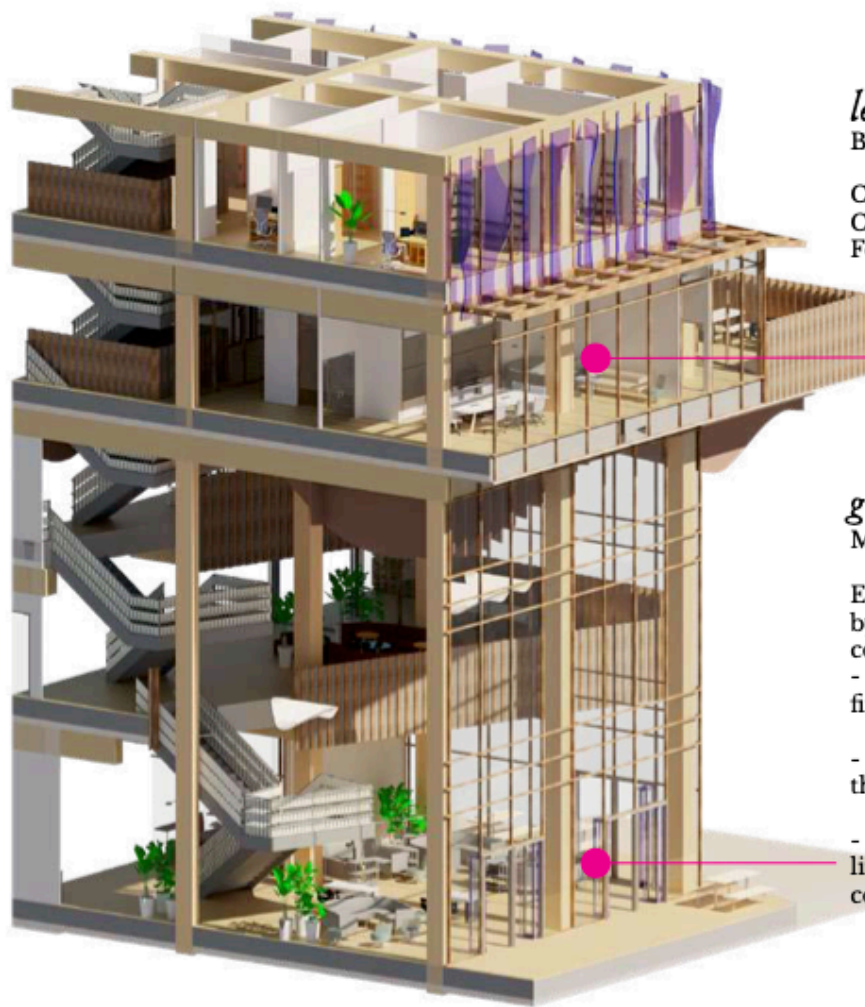
Increase entrances for airflow

Separated between levels to encourage mixed user interaction & over crowding

Common Areas

Ground Floor to Level 6 all have an OPEN MODE for operable airflow

Minimizes seal hallways and circulation



level 3

Board room & Events Room

Curtain wall exposed
Clear view of Great Court &
Forgan Smith

ground level

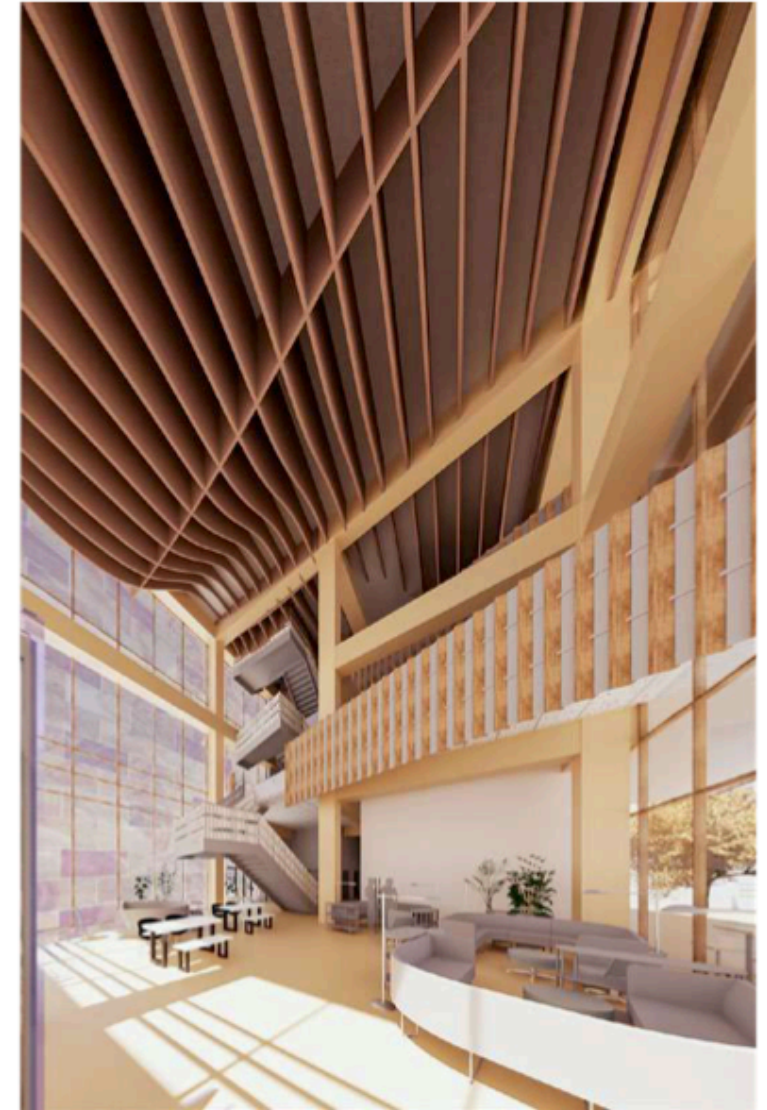
Main Entry Heritage Atria

Exposed Curtain wall shaded
by adjacent building &
colonnade
- direct view of Sandstone
finishing

- direct view of the arches of
the Great Court

- The structural column
lineup to match the
colonnade columns

Isometric of Heritage Atria facing the Great Court



Perspective of Main Entry from the Great Court

-ceiling fixtures intend to mimic the feeling of
sitting under the jacaranda tree
-high contrast of materials between lightweight
timber & sandstone of adjacent buildings

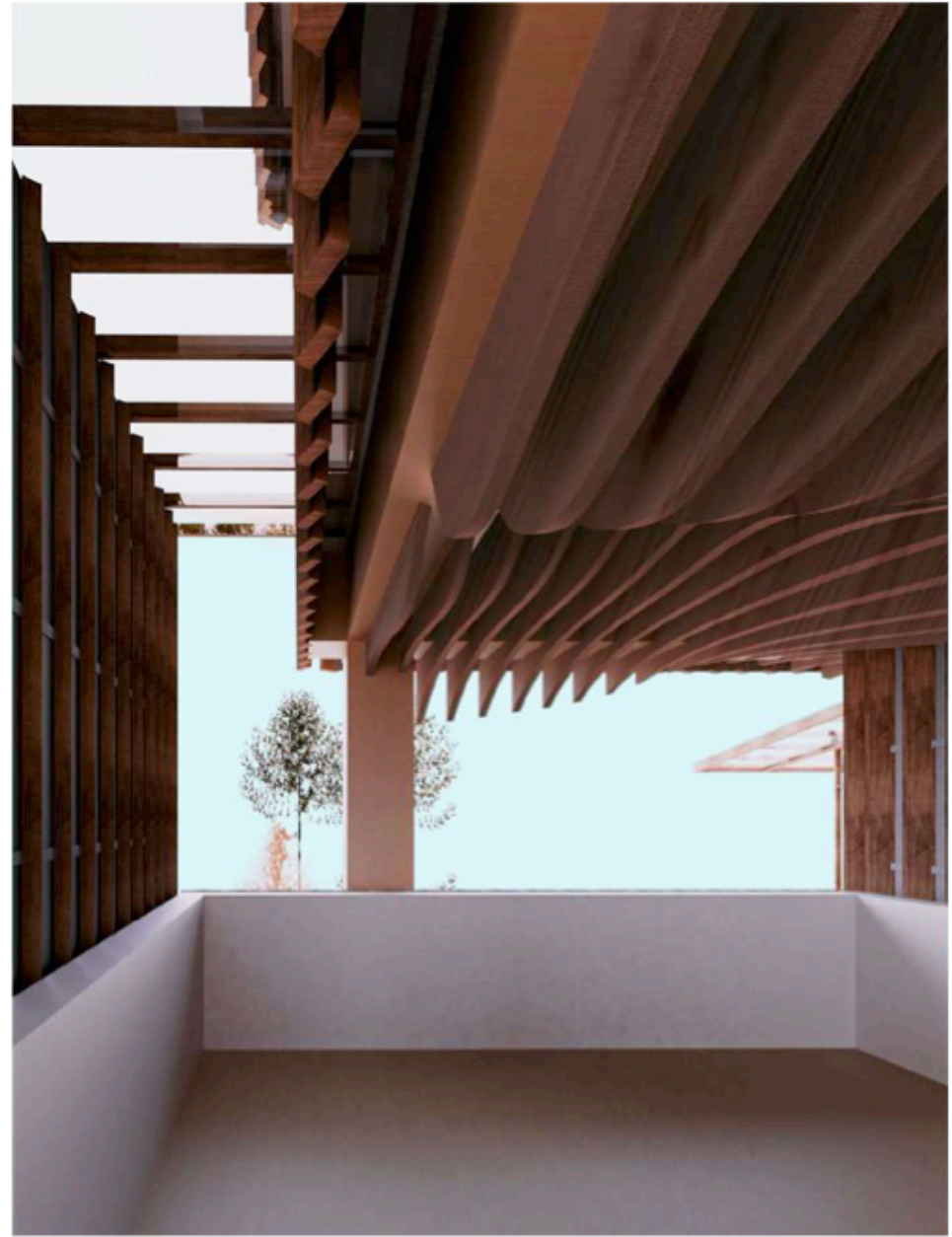


Perspective of level 3 Student Tea Room

✧ *Special Area 1. 'sitting under the jacaranda'*



level 2 Perspective of Heritage Atria Ceiling



Ceiling Perspective Study Nook on level 3

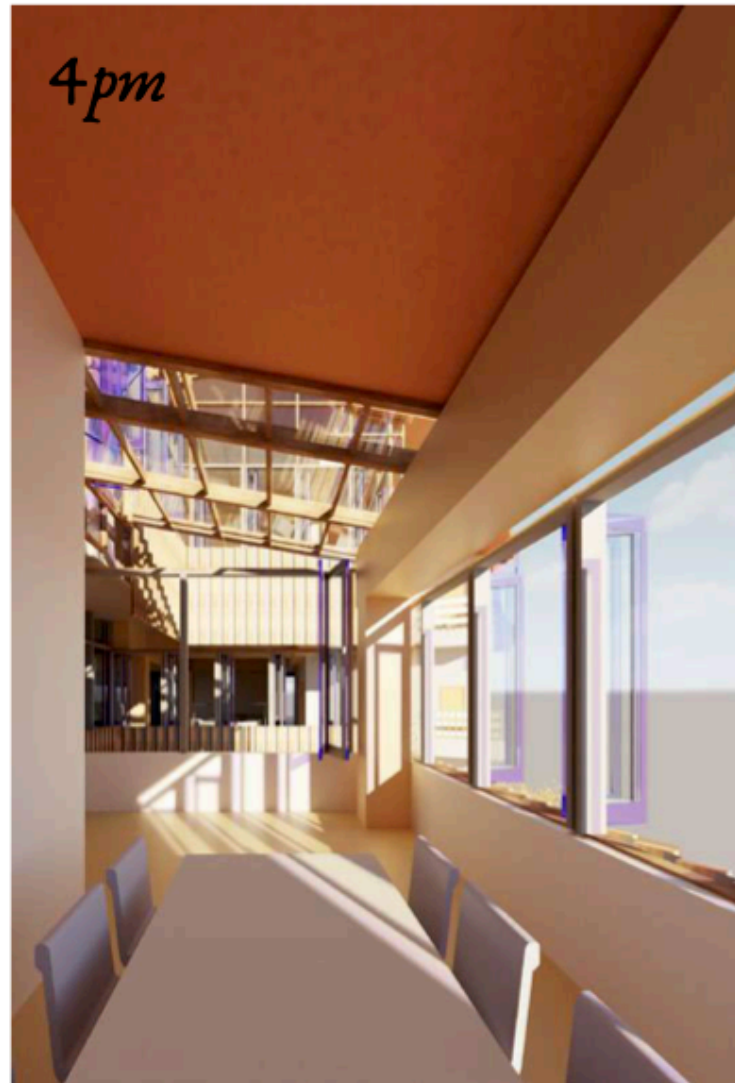


Natural Lighting Strategy

- Glazed roofs are all falling south away from the sun path with additional floor plate from the floors above to provide a built in shading system.
- Dual glazed insulated unit, each glass panel has Low-emissivity (low-e) coating to resist UV light entering the rooms.
- these rooms are all in shaded defused lighting during most active working hours of the day (9am-3pm)
- experimenting with enclosure & exposure of rooms

Tree house: playful between the inside and outside

✧ 2. floating amongst the leaves



level 5 lectures Breakout Meeting Collab Space



level 2 External tutorial rooms

Operability & Ventilation

the southern edge remains shaded and opens up to introduce natural ventilation

comfortable breezes of the Brisbane Climate

Operable Bi-fold windows match the same vertical language of the facade

All rooms next to the operable edge are shared rooms for meetings/hot desk booking. There are the Common spaces for each floor therefore every user group can benefit the experience of 'looking through the tree house'

By locating these room in the shaded southern edge the rooms receive defused light and the cooler breezes.

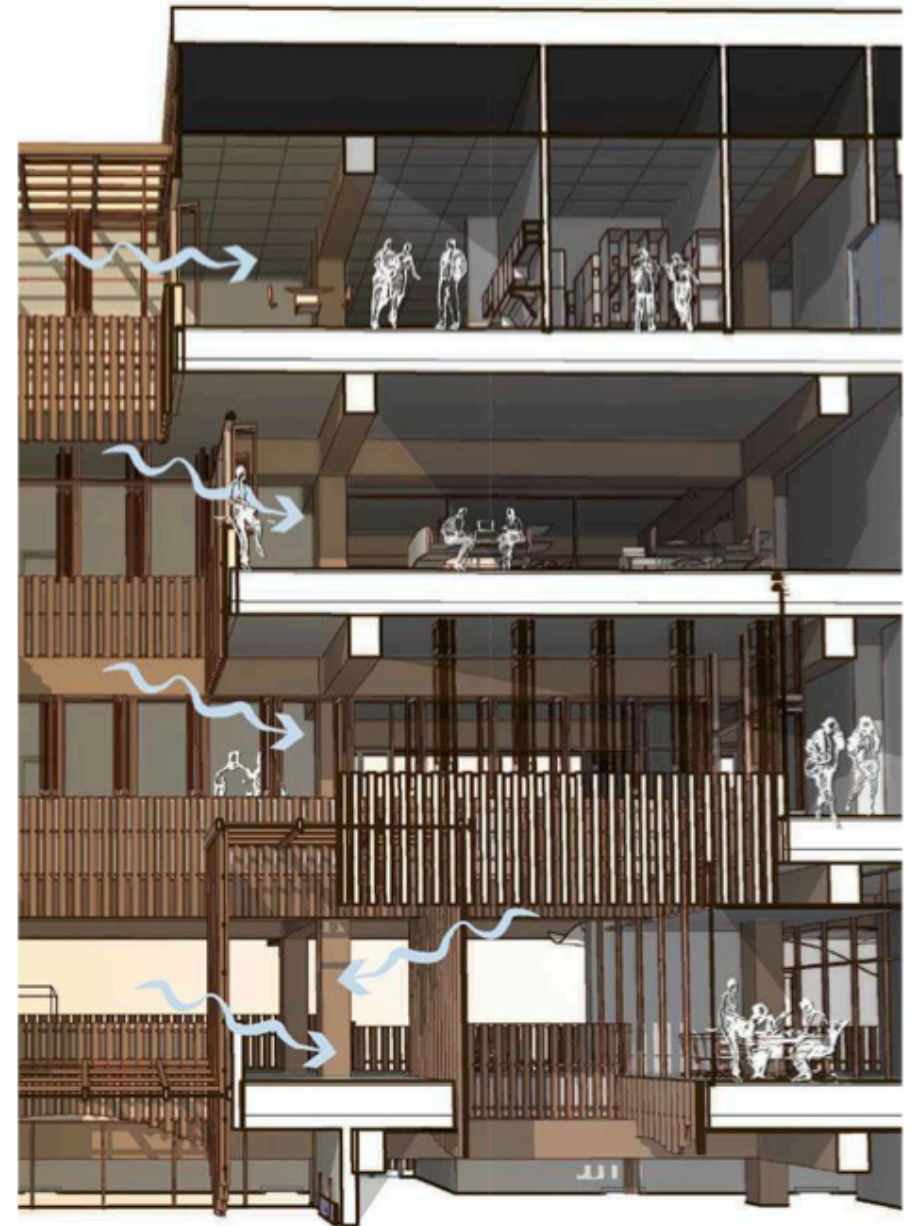
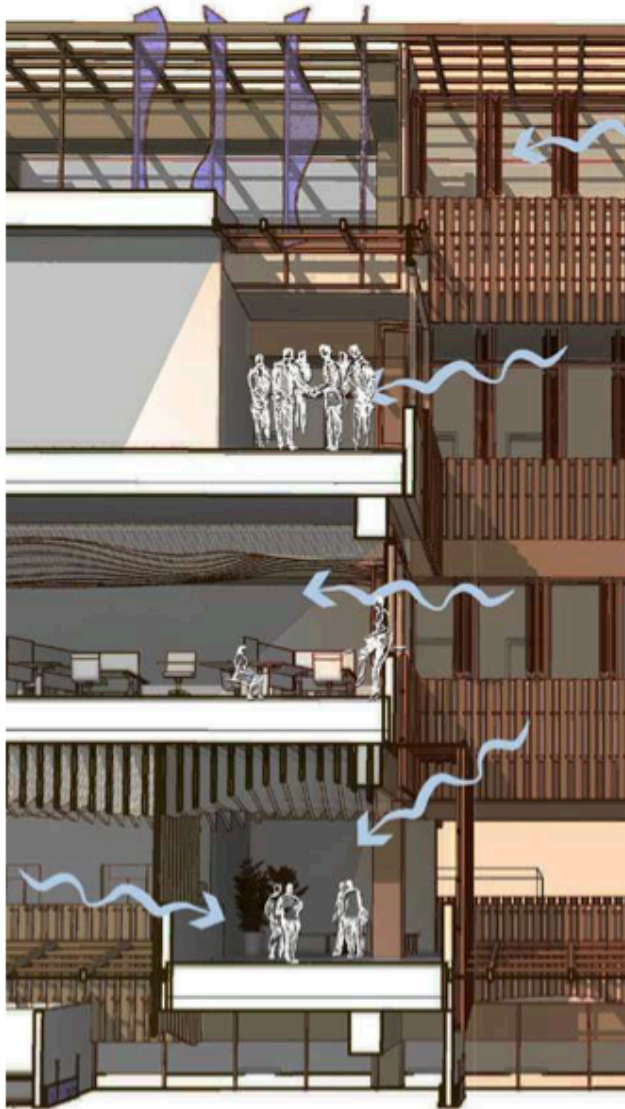
The floor plate is also very thin to further encourage cross ventilation.

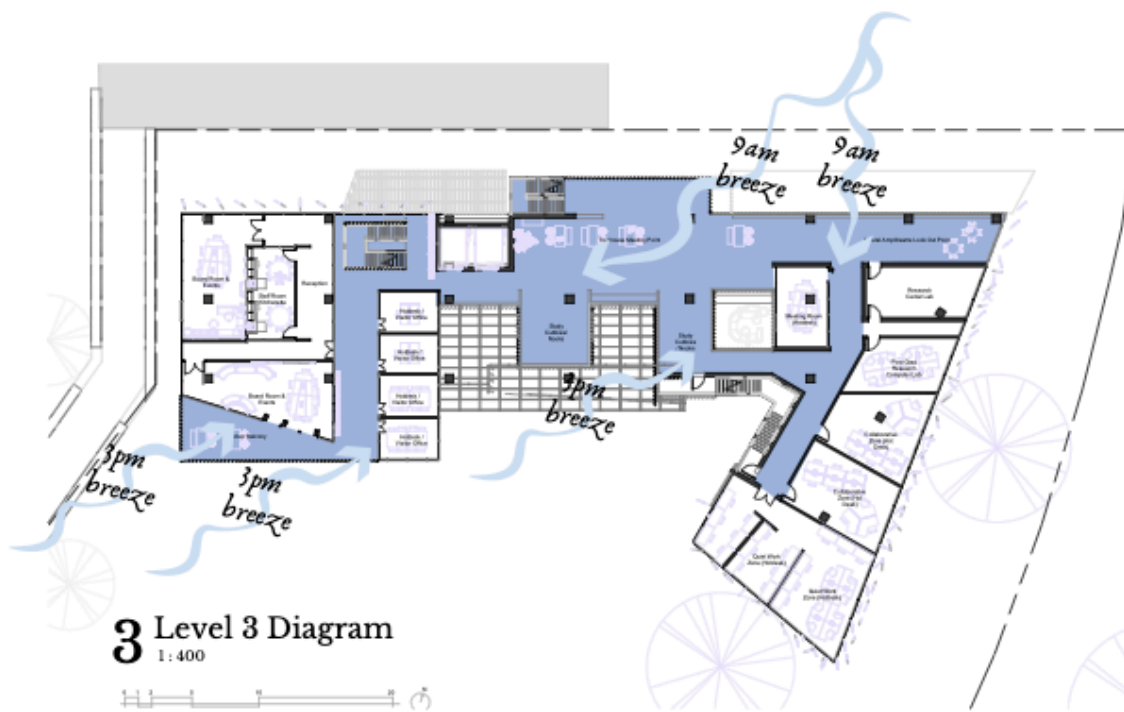
Glazing Specification

A window wall design wall selected as it is easier to clean and more suitable for the site in the Brisbane. The glazing specified in the G-James facade 651 - 500 series. The glass panel sheet is 1500 wide.

- Heat Strengthen, laminate glass with PVB inter Layer for external glazing.
- Insulated Glass Unit dual glazed system
- 6mm Super green / 12mm Air Gap / 6mm Low-e on Clear #3
- low-e coating prevents heat retention and coming through the window , reflect light and glare away

The glass will be tinted green and have laminated heat treated coating on top.
Uw insulation value = 2.70
Window Solar Heat gain Co-efficient = 0.36
Visible Transmittance = 0.50





Playful Shifting Floor Plates

- the core is located in the center northern edge of the building.

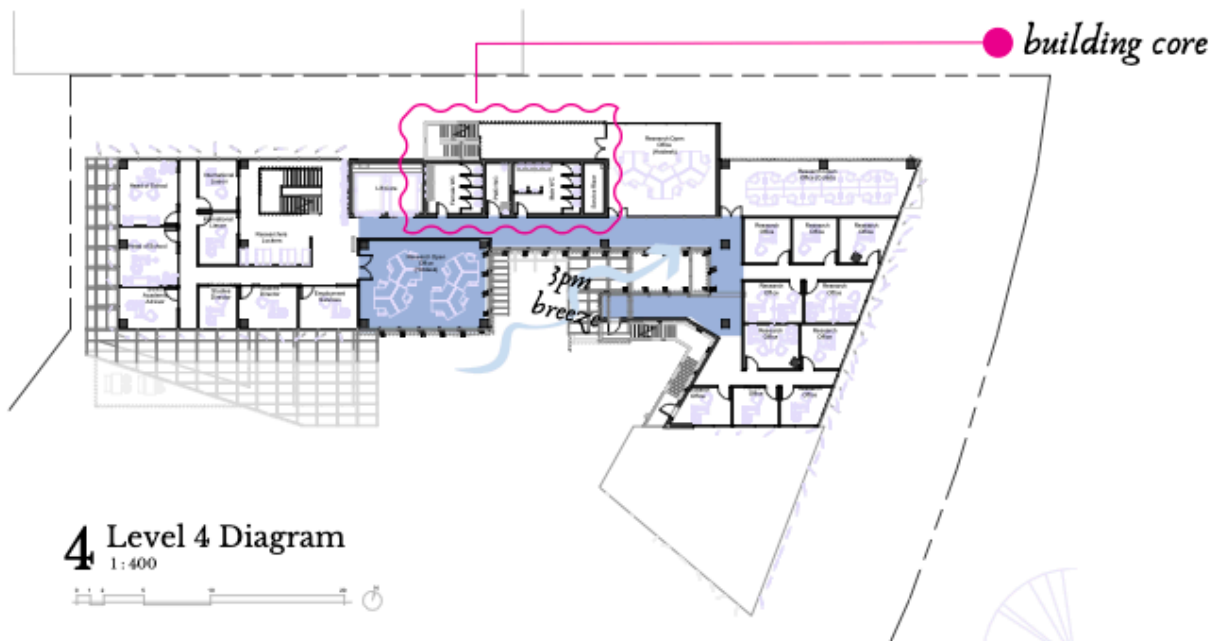
level 3 - besides the elevator there is a break in the core, as open level floor plan of the tree house

shown in blue is the circulation area which is completely operable & open to the outdoors.

Playful changing floor plates allows users of each level to have their own 'identity' and spaces.

The open operable edge creates a secondary 'outdoors' spatial experience, forming a fluid landscape within each level

The ceiling heights are all 800mm taller in these spaces with exposed CLT structure





level 3 perspective of interior terrain

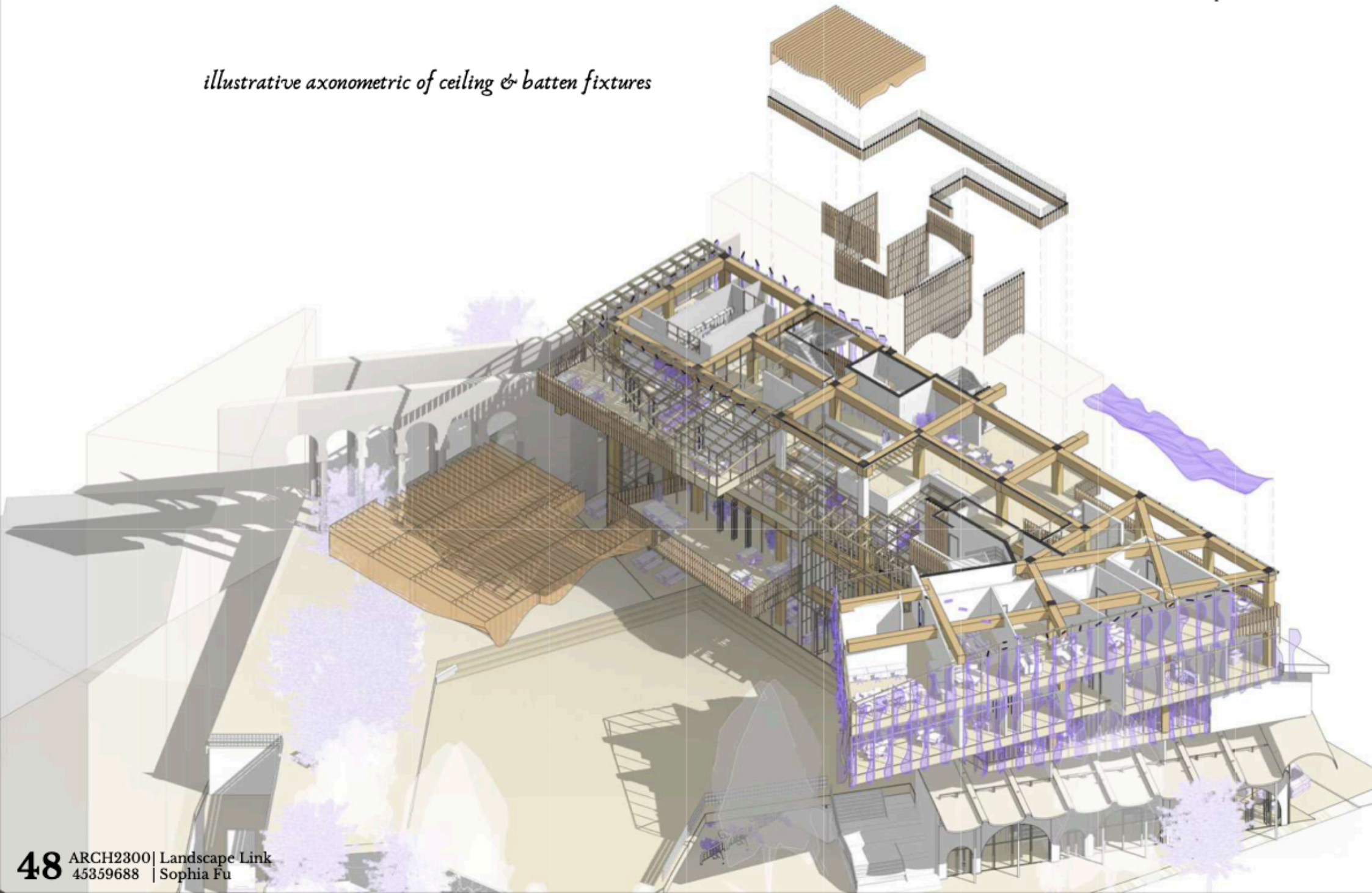


level 3 perspective of interior terrain



level 3 perspective of interior terrain

illustrative axonometric of ceiling & batten fixtures



Sustainability

Shallow floor plates to further encourage cross ventilation and bring lots of defused natural lighting.

Passive Ventilation & HVAC - mechanical air conditioning is only required during extreme weather. The building is otherwise well naturally ventilated and meticulously shaded by the facade system.

Passive Lighting - The facade system feature 3 different shading conditions for the appropriate rooms and the oriented to the Brisbane sun. Due to shallow floor plate all room have plenty of natural lighting to minimize excessive indoor lighting

These feature combined all together allows the building to run smoothly and use zero power at it most operable situation. The building also has HVAC and light fixtures to suit users preferences. However, the reduction on relying on Light,Ventilation and temperate consumption will hugely effect and mitigate excessive energy use and carbon emissions

Materials - embodied energy

The use of the a CLT instead of concrete benefits the environment more. As a material, concrete consumes less carbon, but it is not renewable and has an unsustainable life cycle. The disposal of used concrete is much more difficult and costly (cradle-grave) as well as the initial material for creating concrete is a finite resource. The entire process consumes and stored carbon but does not have any value adding factors to the environment.

Whereas, CLT consumes more carbon but is a renewable material and the replanted trees can offset the greenhouse gases consumed making the energy consumed neutral in the long term. The trees can not only offset the initial carbon-dioxide consumed but continue to produce oxygen. The material itself it also recyclable and reuse for many other proposes besides construction (cradle to cradle opportunities). Thus, making a CLT structural system a far more sustainable material to use as it more a better material life cycle.

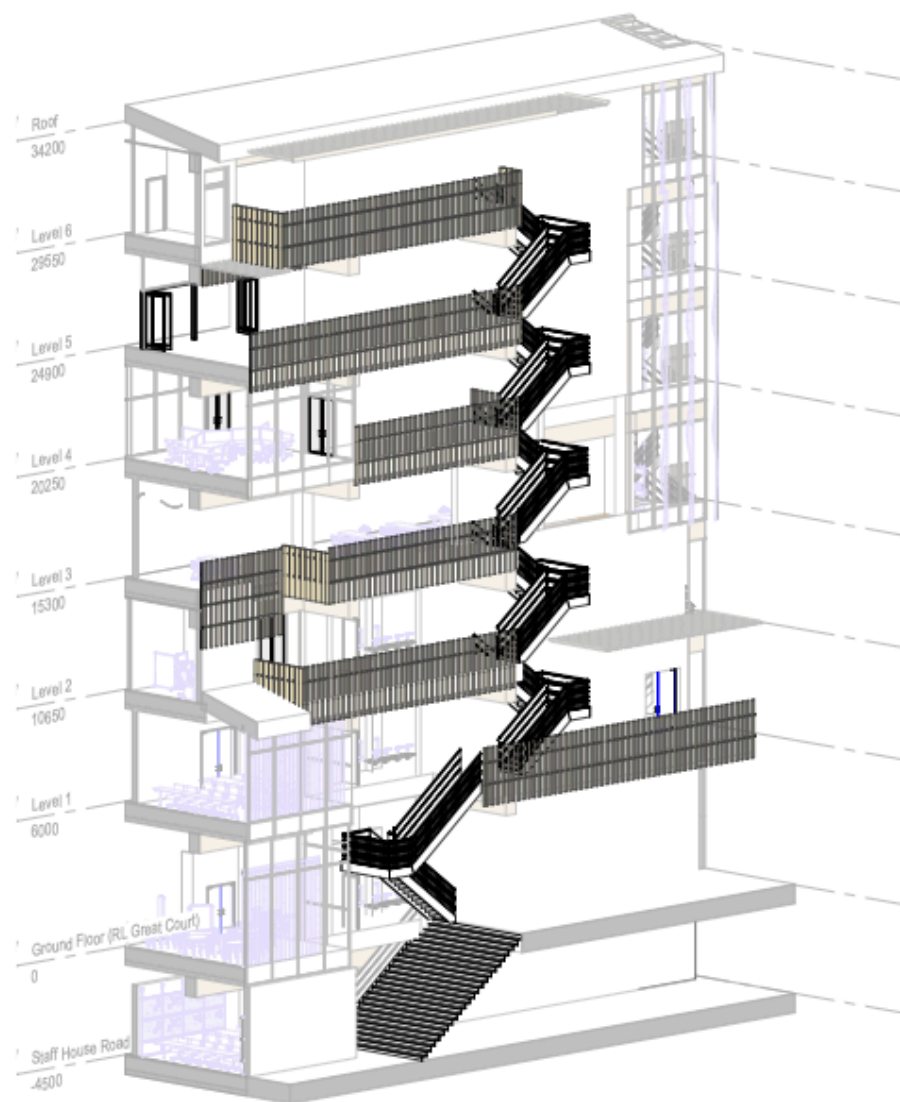
5 Level 5 Diagram
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6 Level 6 Diagram
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● fire stairs



1 North Fire Stairs



2 South Fire Stairs

Lectures' Lounge

UP

UP

50mm 3-ply CLT wall

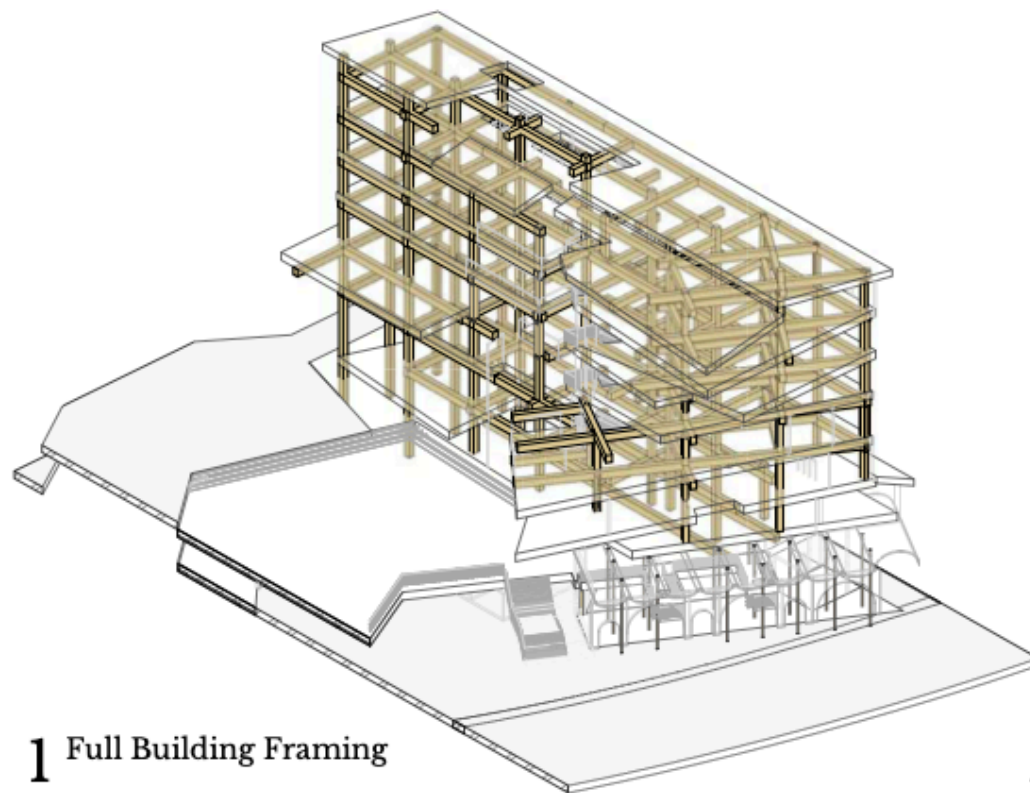
Concrete Masonry Block
(190 mm)Bradford Fireseal rockwool insulation
(80 mm)USG Boral Firestop plasterboard
(16mm)

In-situ concrete wall (300 mm)

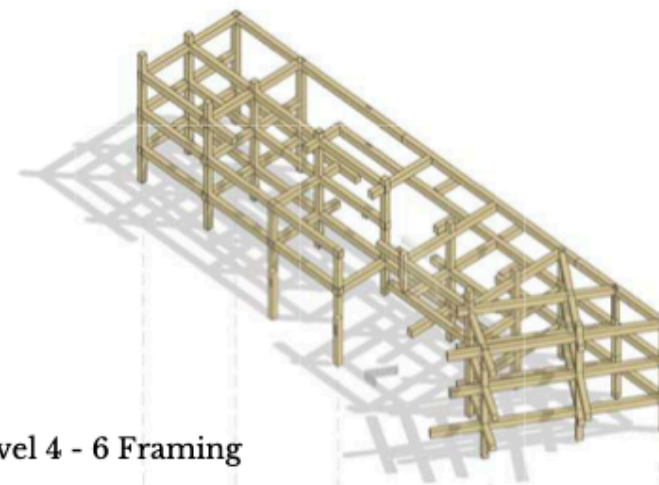
Structural Grid

Each floor plan is complete different but maintains the same structural grid, 6meter x 9 meters for efficiency. There are also 2 sets of beams which runs diagonally as the building form follows the edge of the site.

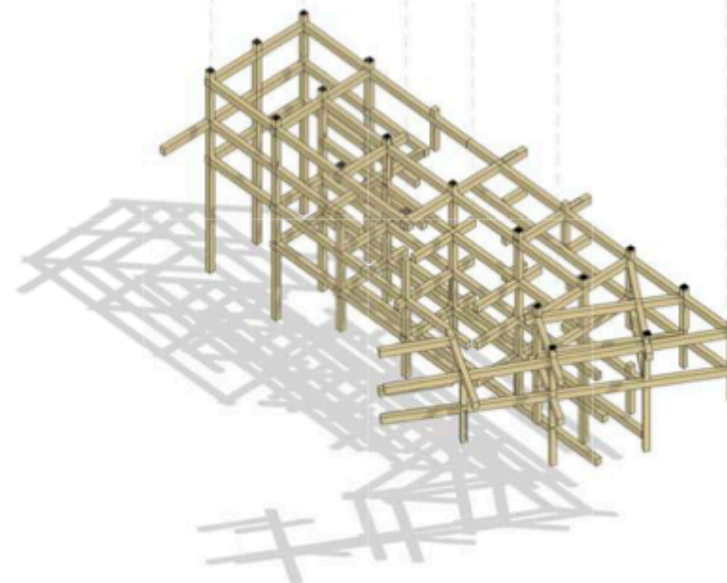
The structure grid is taken be the dimensions of the great courts colonnade ratios and proportions. The following 2 pages show how the grid is in use in 2 very different floor layouts.



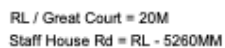
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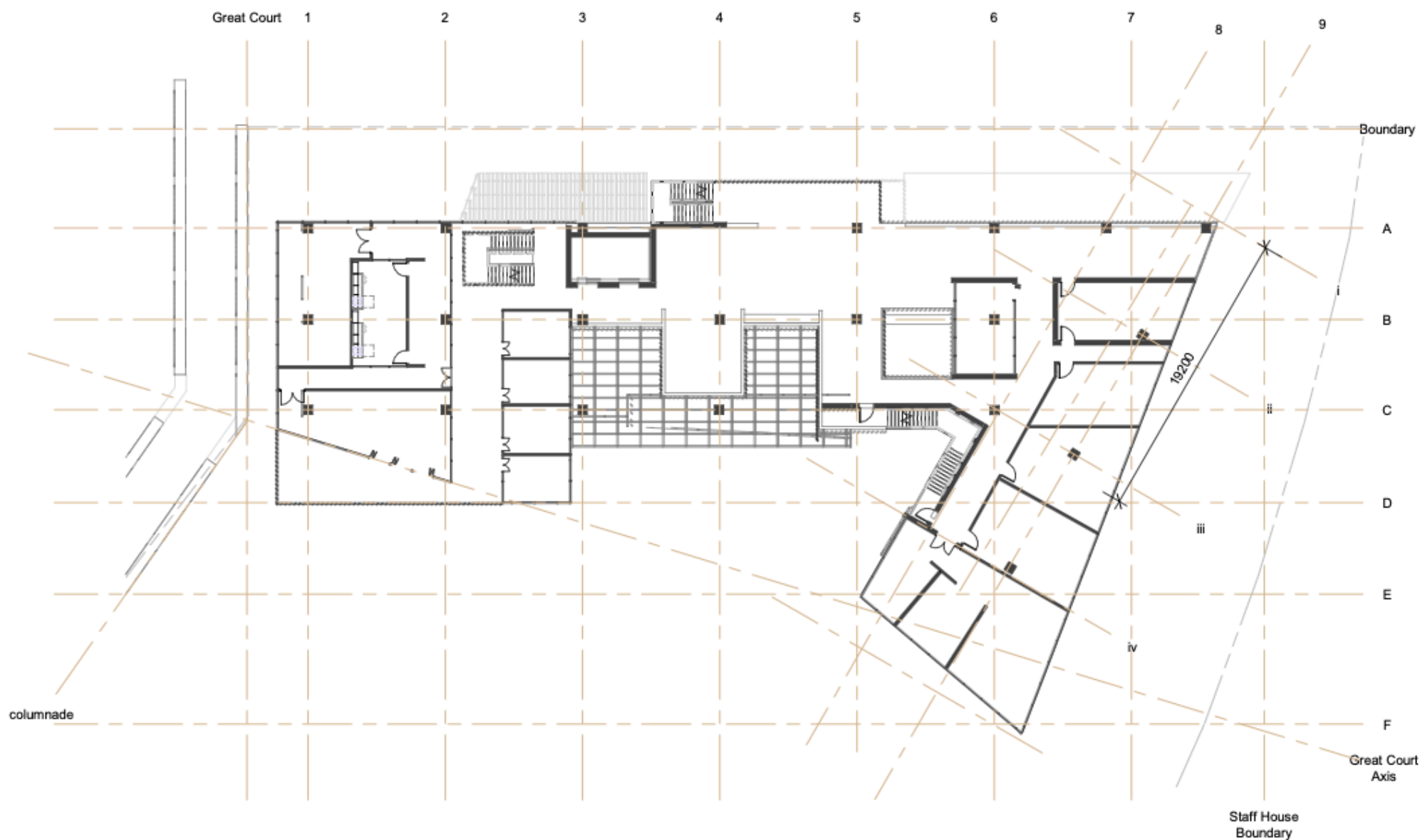


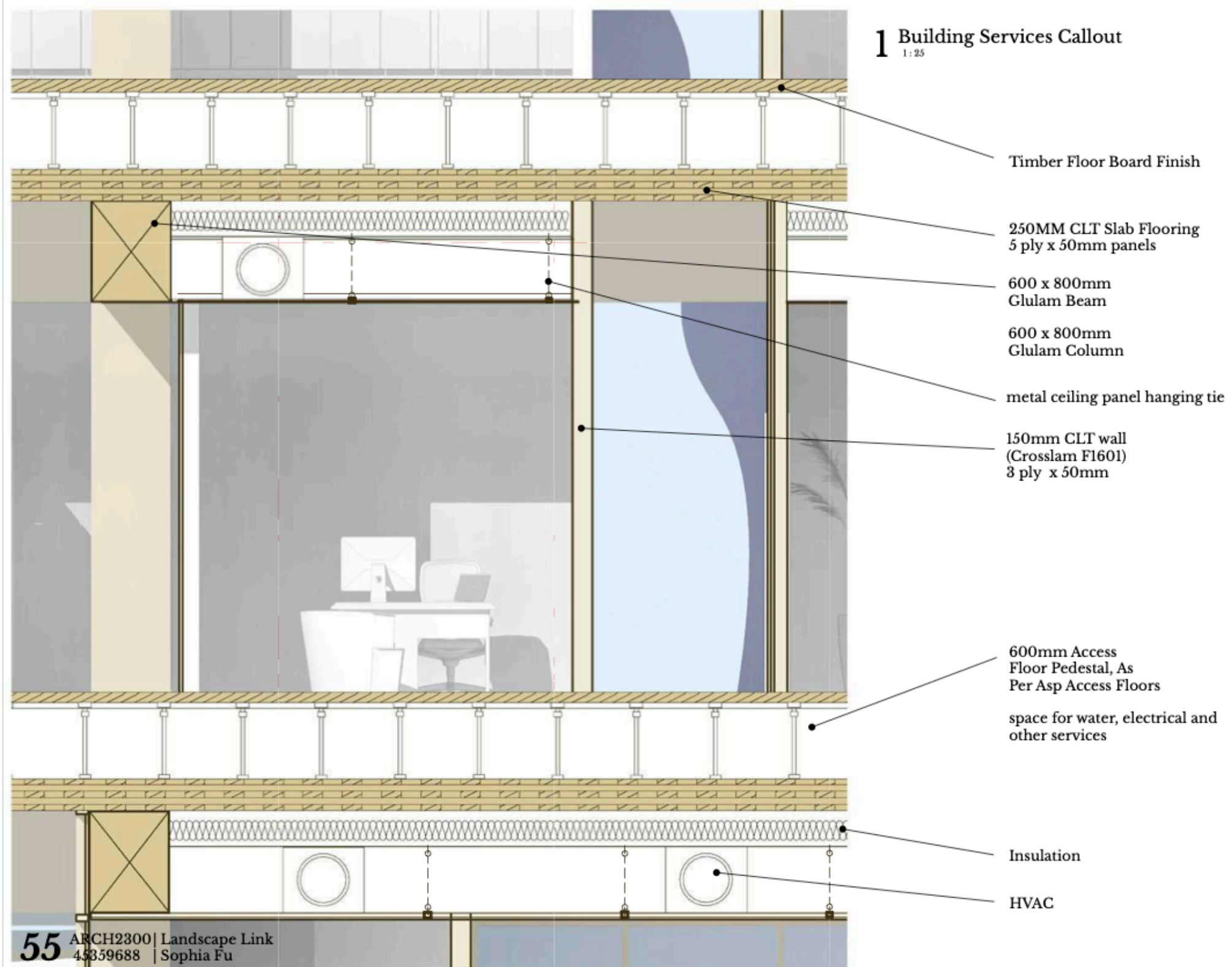
B Level 4 - 6 Framing

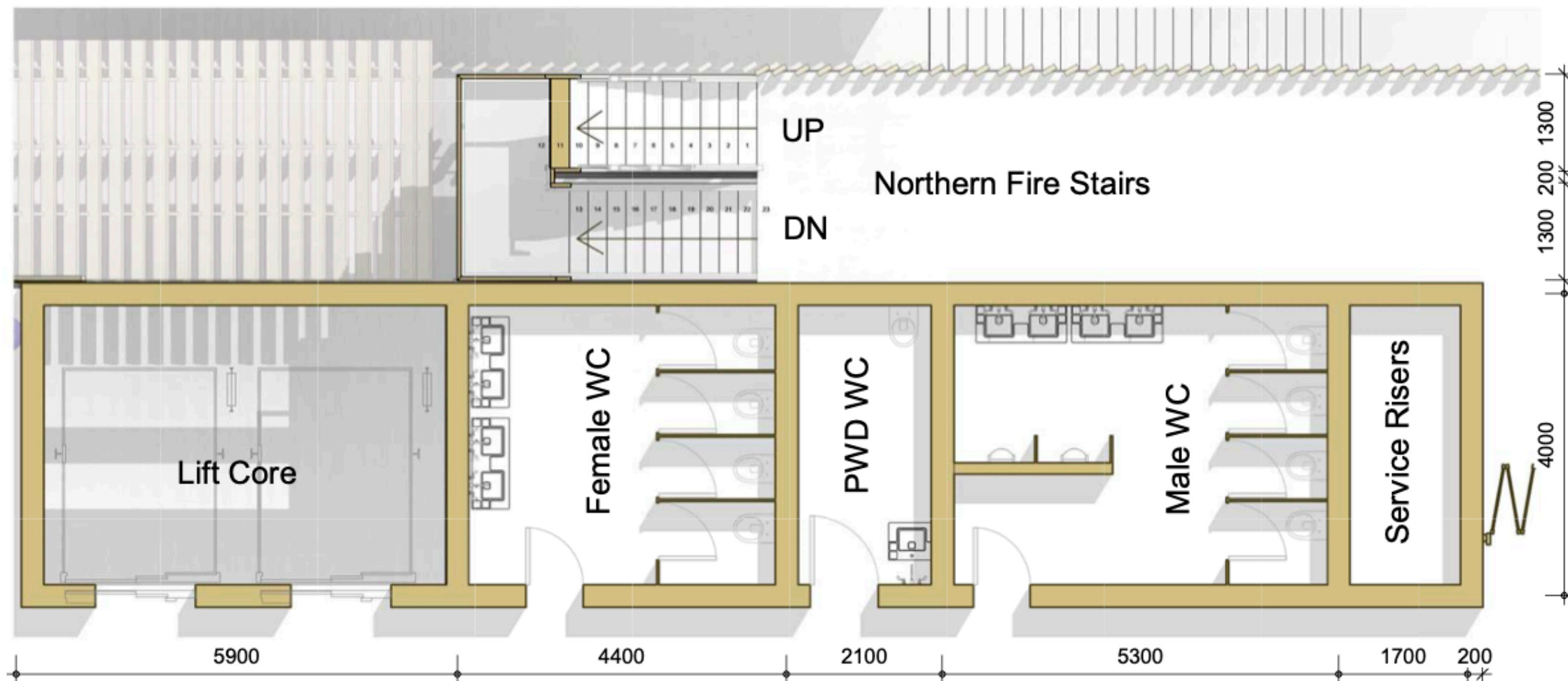


A Ground to level 3 Framing



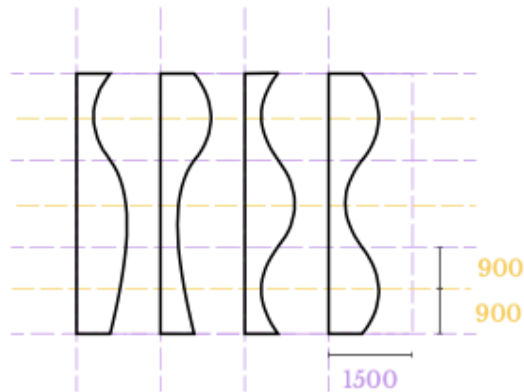




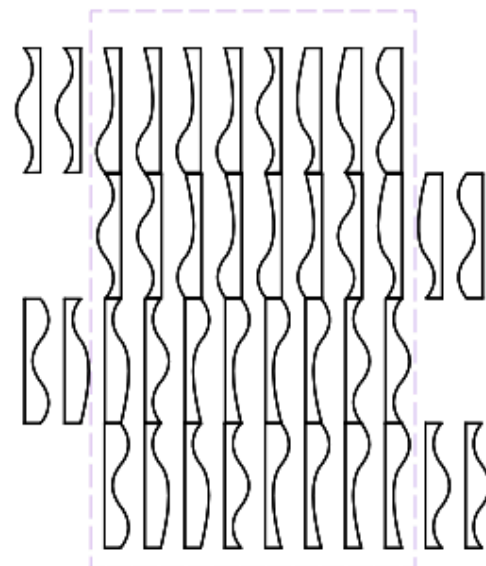


Facade System

4 original shapes

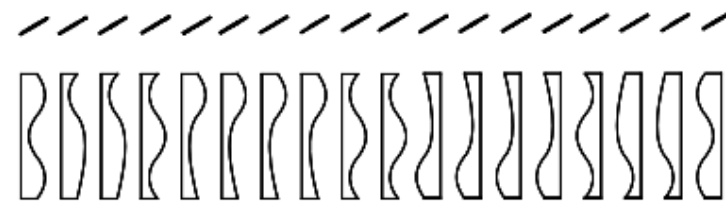


Moving like Cartesian Geometry



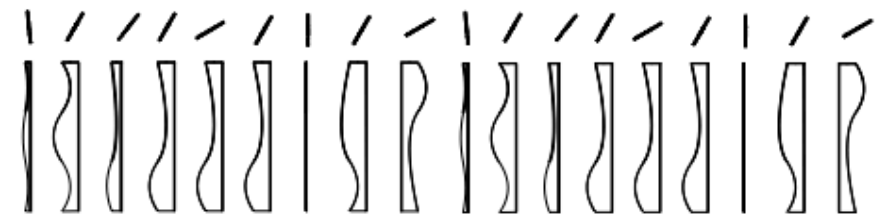
Closed/Shaded/Compression

(type 1)



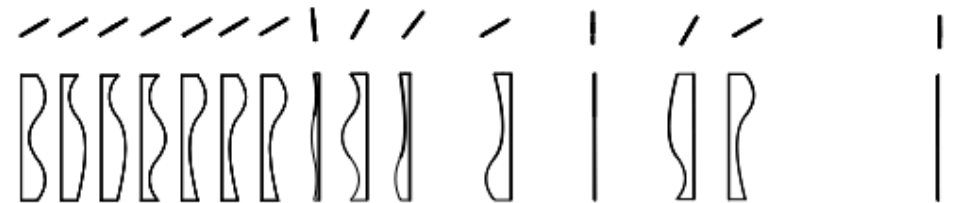
Permeable/Frosted - Looking through the tree

(type 2)



Open/Clear/Colour - exposed expansion

(type 3)



example of facade transition through the stages ----->

Shading



Western Facade (type 2)

Southern Facade (type 2 & 3)



Eastern Facade (type 1)

Facade system has 3 phase which mimics 3 stages of the Jacaranda flower/ Pod:

1. Bloom,
2. Fall Of The Flower/Seed
3. Exposed Bare Branches