The New Academic Street (NAS) program will reinvent the centre of the City campus and improve support services for students and staff. As part of the NAS program, four ageing and inefficient buildings on Swanston Street will be re-furbished to open up the building and create an exciting academic environment, which will transform the student experience and enhance RMIT’s connection with the city.

The significant investment in the New Academic Street is part of an overall plan to make RMIT a fantastic place to study, collaborate and work and it’s an investment in the future.

RMIT’s vision is that our campuses should be integrated with the cities we engage with, contributing to urban sustainability and culture.
What NAS will deliver

It’s a significant investment in quality education, design, creativity and sustainability – and it will transform the student experience on RMIT’s City campus.

Buildings 8, 10, 12 and 14, which were built in 1970s and turn their backs on Swanston Street, will be liberated and opened to the city streetscape.

The NAS project will open up the lower levels – 2, 3, 4 and parts of 5 and 6 across these buildings, creating interconnected spaces, outdoor terraces, laneways, light wells and efficient walkways between floors.

The Swanston Library, which attracts about 9,600 students a day, will be completely refurbished to provide more than 40 per cent more quiet and collaborative study spaces, which will include light-filled areas looking onto Bowen Street.

A service delivery model will see roving library staff available to help users navigate the collection and facilities as efficiently as possible.

Improved facilities for all students will transform the student experience and enable a standard of interactive learning that’s enjoyed by students in the Swanston Academic Building opposite.

Students arriving on campus will be able to converge on the new level 4 Student Hall and connect with services directly or via a single step referral to a specialist provider.

An outdoor, multi-storey garden building at the end of building 10 will transform Bowen Street, creating an urban oasis.

A new retail precinct on level 4 of building 14 will provide shops, recreation facilities, food outlets and a licensed bar.
The New Academic Street project is a bold step into an exciting and innovative future for RMIT.

It builds on the past seven years of campus development.

And it provides a strong foundation for RMIT’s next 50 years of growth.

Find out more: www.rmit.edu.au/nas