



Bragg Laboratories



Designed on a 3.6 metre grid over several levels, the Bragg Laboratories building comprises a 250 seat lecture theatre and 8 teaching laboratories - arranged around a central courtyard. The building reflects the context of the surrounding red brick 'Neo-Georgian' style buildings of the Campus, while also standing as defiantly contemporary in rationale.

The building is a well resolved example of 'International Style' architecture of the period, with an expressed steel structural grid, plate glass walls and all planning based on a modular grid within the structural frame. The aesthetic value of the building lies in the elegance of the detailing of the structural frame, the resolution of internal spaces within an established grid and the use of a palette of natural finish materials in an honest, but considered manner. The building was designed by architect Colin Hassell, of (then) Hassell, McConnell and Partners and is an early example of his extensive folio of 'International Style' work completed in Adelaide.

The incorporation of an ornamental garden within in the internal courtyard provides not only a means of permitting light and ventilation though the centre of the building, but also an attractive circulation space - with the transparency of the glass walls giving the building lightness and blurring the boundaries between interior and exterior.

DETAILS:

Location

University of Adelaide

Architect

Hassell and McConnell

Date

1960

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