

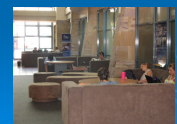
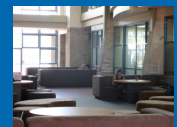
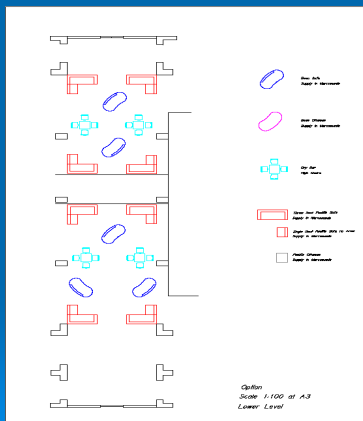


## Making it My Street: The Bond University "Street" Area

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### What is it?

- A former transition space in the University's main teaching building.
- A large rectangular area that has a raised, carpeted floor with comfortable lounges, coffee tables, ottomans, wireless and power access.



### Why is it?

- To help to encourage students to stay on campus between classes – giving them the "university" experience.
- Such spaces thus help to foster a sense of community.

### What happens here?

- An informal area for staff and students to use between classes.
- A Qantas club for students ☺
- Also located next to the Career Development Centre.

## How is the Space used?

- Group work activity
- Socialisation
- Private moments
- Interaction with staff
- Career development

## How is Technology used?

- The area is relatively free of technology, people may bring their own.
- The area has wireless coverage which many students use with their notebook computers.
- Powerpoints are also provided, however, they are not used as often as we anticipated.

## How was the Facility Evaluated?

- Informal
  - Continual monitoring of the area.
  - Heavily used each day during normal teaching time.
  - Very popular, so we are extending the idea to other areas in the University Centre
- Formal
  - A combined survey (with the Multimedia Learning Centre) using SuveyMonkey.com

## What were the main lessons learned?

- Students and staff alike like the convenience of the area, particularly the ability to wait, read email and have access to power.
- The major criticisms were that it was not opened 24 hours a day, that the area should be extended and the ambient noise be damped.
- More informal breakout spaces should be available across campus.

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