Caulfield Library is an engaging, technology-rich learning hub and focal point of the University, and is the sole library at Caulfield campus. Built in 1972, the brutalist brick and concrete form of the original Caulfield Library has been transformed by John Wardle Architects into a modern, light filled, open structure at the civic heart of its campus setting. New openings on all sides of the four storey building are designed to respond to the immediate surrounding street, bridge and courtyard context. Internally a new full height atrium has been cut through the building, drawing in natural light to the library’s core creating a comfortable and inspiring setting for learning and research.

The upgrade doubles the number of study seats and incorporates a cafe on the ground floor, with frontage to a newly landscaped Queens Walk. Learning spaces within, foster interactive learning and are flexibly used as teaching or private study spaces. A series of timber portals are located to create subtle demarcations across the broad open floorplate. They density around the new atrium space to create a continuous timber screen that defines its edge and filters light. The western cantilevered shade structure projects a new identity for the library toward the central Campus Green and enables undercover outdoor study. Among a diverse collection of art displayed throughout the library, is Rose Nolan’s insitu artwork ‘GIVE OR TAKE’, that immediately engages visitors upon entry.