

project details ... PROJECT LOCATION ... Level 3, University of QLD, Mayne Building, Herston, QLD
CLIENT ... CONROD – Professor Nicholas Bellamy; UQ Property + Facilities - Kim Wishart **DESIGN ...**
 Phillips Smith Conwell Architects – Andrew Holmes **SCHIAVELLO QLD FITOUT ...** Phill Ross, Duncan Ramsay
SCHIAVELLO QLD SYSTEMS ... Philip Morgan, Sean Ellem, Peter Shumsky **AREA ...** 430 m² **PRODUCTS ...**
 ProActive Techmodules, Systemet storage, mobile pedestals, partitioning + custom built joinery, bulkhead +
 ceiling works.

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Below [2] ... Work areas including ProActive Techmodules with lowered storage wall systems for privacy. **[3] ...** Reception area features veneer wall panelling, custom built reception counter complete with Corian face, feature carpet tile inlay and oval drop ceiling with special paint finish.



Above [1] ... Schiavello fitout works feature custom built joinery, partitioning, bulkhead and ceiling works, and supply + installation of new carpet.



For the research, academic, managerial and clerical staff of the Centre of National Research on Disability and Rehabilitation Medicine (CONROD), a professional office environment was needed.

Located on level three of the University of Queensland (UQ) Mayne Medical School Annexe at Herston, this new office concept is intended to foster a vibrant, interactive and productive workplace, accommodating present technology and future requirements.

Moving from a traditionally high proportion of enclosed offices, the fitout provides a team driven environment that combines enclosed offices and open plan areas as well as support facilities including a meeting room, storage and utility area.

Managerial staff remain in individual offices, whilst other staff occupy Schiavello ProActive Techmodules with low-level storage wall systems providing the necessary privacy.

To encourage users to move from an enclosed office it was necessary to create a spacious environment with a level of finish higher than general UQ standards. Conscious not to install a basic, conventional workstation system that may receive a negative response, the Techmodules were used to create a different aesthetic and add an appropriate level of

quality. The aesthetic is carried through to the flexible Systemet storage system, and the Techmodules can be reconfigured to suit changes in requirements. Recessing the monitors into the Techmodule allowed utilisation of narrower desks, with the same arrangement adaptable to future flatscreen technology, which do not require deep corner desk arrangements.

"In the long term, this combination will prove to be significantly more economical than creating new floor space," said Andrew Holmes of Phillips Smith Conwell Architects.

Co-ordination of materials and trades was critical in achieving the design details. The fitout by Schiavello features an elliptical reception space incorporating colour-back glass, Canadian Rock Maple timber veneer, built-in bench seating and a custom designed entry carpet. This palette is extended into the remainder of the space to maintain continuity and the level of finish throughout.