Inside the future of Griffith Health

A first-time look inside the new $150m Griffith health building under construction at the Gold Coast campus.

Behind me is one of the most ambitious projects Griffith has ever undertaken. The new 150 million Dollar Health Centre will be open to students in 2013.

We are about to go inside the new 11 story building for the first time to see how it is all coming together.

The Health Centre brings together all the Major disciplines of Medicine, Dentistry, Psychology and more under one roof. And it was the roof that was the centre of attention with the traditional roof wetting ceremony marking a milestone for the construction project.

It is the first time university staff have been given a grand tour of the inner workings of the building with the engineers, builders and project managers.

It will house a 600 seat lecture theatre. A bookshop and coffee shop on the ground floor, teaching spaces, offices and there is even vision for a bridge across the road to the Gold Coast University Hospital that is also under construction. There are kilometres of piping and wiring throughout the new centre making use of latest technology broadband speeds and energy efficient practices service every room, every academic and every student.

Griffith Vice Chancellor Ian O’Conner and the Pro Vice Chancellor for Health Professor Allan Cripps Undertook the ceremonial trowling of a roof top plinth to celebrate the occasion.

Then there is the views from the eleventh floor where the famous Gold Coast skyline can be seen in the distance and to the west the hinterland. And when it opens in mid 2013 the building will give Griffith the best Health facilities amongst all Queensland Universities