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Daring designs make good neighbours

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UTS architecture students have been given the opportunity to work on a major campus redesign thanks to a partnership with the International Grammar School.

The Ultimo neighbours established the partnership after the IGS decided it wanted to modernise its campus to accommodate changing technology and new education models.

UTS professor Deborah Ascher Barnstone said the postgraduate students and staff from the School of Architecture provided a raw perspective unobtainable by using an established professional architect.

"IGS has been an amazingly open client who wants us to experiment to find the best solutions to their spatial constraints," she said. "They hired us because they want new ideas; they want to push school design as far as possible and feel that students will be more daring and open minded than seasoned professionals."

UTS Master of Architecture student Eleanor Peres said her group were keen to showcase their bold perspective.

"It has been such an empowering, positive experience because they treat us like professionals and take our recommendations and advice very seriously," she said.