

A sense of history

The Pharmacy Library traces its roots back to 1873 when a library was established for use by local members of the Pharmaceutical Society of Victoria. Charles Leslie Butchers was a generous donor to the library and an enormous support to both the students and staff of the college. The memorial funds raised after his death were directed to the establishment and continuation of the library. Alfred Thomas Stanley Sissons, dean of the college at the time, said of Mr Butchers, 'No one was a warmer supporter of the student's library, or donated books more freely to it, than he did.'

The CL Butchers Pharmacy Library was opened on the ground floor of the Manning Building in 1972. In 2001, the building underwent renovations and the library was extended where a computer laboratory was installed.

During the library's refurbishment in 2008, a culture wall was incorporated in the design to showcase artefacts and information about the history of the library, its namesakes and the faculty it serves.



Pharmacy students and lecturers, 1887