1.

We're sitting in Baretto's in the Alan Gilbert Building, across Grattan street is one of the medical buildings. Down the hill along Grattan street the new building being constructed is the Peter Doherty Institute and diagonally across the road (Royal Parade) is Melbourne

Hospital. In the other direction the open area is University square (there is a carpark underneath) at the city end of University square is the law building. Across Grattan street from University square there is an entrance to the campus, straight ahead is an overpass building and to the right are the various Engineering buildings. The road goes in a big loop around the campus you can either go left towards the Medical buildings or right passed the Engineering buildings then head North (away from University square). One other area you may want to explore is South Lawn which you can get to by going underneath the overpass building directly in front of you when you enter the campus.

2.

The UoM campus takes up a large area in the north of Carlton. There are many entrances to the campus but the ones you’ll be using most are the main south entrance in Grattan Street, and several ones in Swanston Street to the east.

Once you enter the campus via the main south entrance there are three main alternative paths that you can use to head north. The central one is up some stairs and through a medium to large sized lawn. This path is distinguishable by the large blue banner with the UoM logo. The path will take you to the heart of the campus, where there is a chapel, some historical buildings and a little to the east, the Union House.

The Union House is a large building containing many cafes and restaurants, an electronics store and other facilities for students. Near the Union House you can also find a large gym, in the northeastern direction. You can also find NAB and Commonwealth bank branches near the Union House to the west.

The second path available from the south entrance takes you a little bit to the west and then switches to the north, parallel to the first path. Near this cornering point you can occasionally find a crepes stand. From this path you can access other campus buildings, exit the campus from the western entrances/exits and reach the University House by continuing north.

The third path branches to the east and leads to the Engineering building, which you’ll find on your right hand side and the Old Engineering building which is straight ahead. At this point the main path heads north again, parallel to the first path, but you may continue to the east/northeast, past the Eng. Building to reach the University Library and Swanson Street exits via a series of smaller winding paths. If you choose to take the turn north following the main third path, you will walk past the Wilson hall to your left and eventually reach the Union House to your northwest and the campus center.

3.

The campus covers a substantial area. In the center are the original “old” buildings that were built when the university first opened many decades ago. These buildings housed the faculty of physics and arts, among others. These buildings can be easily identified by their older style of architecture and brick composition, the concrete archways down each corridor, and the iconic clock tower that can be seen from most parts of the campus. Directly to its south is an open square that acts as an intersection for students to travel from one part of the university to the other. There is a carpark directly under the square. To the West is the Baillieu Library. To the east is the general hall that is used as an examination venue and as a host to other major events like graduation. The Union House is located to the North of the old buildings. The Union House has a cafeteria and also is the hub for most student association activities. The Engineering departments are located on the South East corner of the campus. If you walk further south of the engineering department, you will reach Grattan Street. Pass the street and walk further down past the public park and you will reach the Law faculty. Most of the sports-related venues like tennis courts, swimming pools and racetracks are located on the opposite side, that is, to the furthest north of the campus. If you can find your way around these spots you can eventually (& hopefully) orientate yourself to the other buildings you may need to find in the future. If that fails, you can always ask around or use the conveniently placed maps set up around the entire campus. Finally, if you would like to know more about the hidden gems of quirky spots around campus, the best places for coffee and interesting historical sites, then you are asking the wrong person. Good luck!

4.

Hi Sue. The campus is a beautiful place, with central buildings copying the sandstone architecture of the archetypes of Oxford and Cambridge.  Around these central buildings there are more modern buildings, of course, some convincing, some boring.

Next to the sandstone core is Wilson Hall, a multi-function hall from the 50ies – for traditionalists controversial because the predecessor looked also like Oxford and this one doesn’t.

Opposite of the entrance of Wilson Hall is the University’s administration building, with the Vice Chancellor’s office somewhere in it. This building as so little face that it has abstained from having a ground floor at all.

Behind that building is the Student Union to your left, and across a place the gymnasium and pool. To the right one building (the School of Architecture) is taken down, just to be replaced by a similar looking new building, designed by people from this School, who won an “international architecture competition”. The student union is an interesting place with shops and many eateries. Also the student clubs have their home here.

Behind the School of Architecture, or what currently has been left of it, are the Psychology and Physics buildings. As the buildings furthest north on campus, the offices at their higher levels have beautiful views to the Northern suburbs of Melbourne.

To the southeast of the sandstone core we find the Engineering precinct. Stories go that these buildings will be taken down next, except Old Engineering (now housing the Dean’s office) because it is now heritage protected.

To the southwest of the sandstone core the medicine precinct starts – and extends opposite of Royal Park into the Royal Melbourne Hospitals, and in future the Comprehensive Cancer Centre (currently a construction site). A more convincing building among the recent additions is the new Brain Centre, on campus and facing Royal Parade – at the back of the library, which you would see from the sandstone buildings.

If Grattan St forms the southern border of the campus, then the university has grown out of their traditional boundaries. Around South Lawn you would see (from left to right) Graduate House, the Melbourne Business School, Law, Economics, and the Alan Gilbert Building (research administration).

There is also discussion to take over the old Royal Woman’s Hospital, an empty building opposite of the campus in the East. Since this would form an expansion into another suburb, the project has been dubbed Carlton Connect (the campus is in Parkville). Between this building and the campus, on Swanston St, is the major public transport hub for the University. All trams are going down to the city, but the city is also so close, it’s just walking distance.

5.

As you approach the university on the tram from Melbourne Central train station, alight at the Melbourne University tram stop. From here head to the end of the stop away from where you have travelled, demarked by a pedestrian crossing. Turn left at this crossing and walk over Swanston Street to the other side. In front of you, you will see the Asia Centre's circular bronze sculpture embedded inn the wall. To the right of this, a road leads westward away from you. Walk down this road until you reach it's end (approximately 300 metres), demarked by bollards and a round-about in the road. Facing the round-about, look 45 degrees diagonally to your right and you will see a brick stairway. Walk up this feature and follow the path as it winds around to your right. Continue walking until see an stone archway and blue sign on your left which reads "Old Quad". Walk through this archway and into the hallway beyond. Continue walking through the hallway straight ahead. As you walk, on your left, you will see other hallways leading around a square garden - this feature is known as the Old Quad. Continue straight, walking further through the same hallway and exit outside to a paved area. In this paved area, you will see many paths meeting around a central garden containing a large, notable tree. Walk towards this tree. From here, on your right you will see a pathway leading through a another similar large, stone archway. Walk towards and through this feature to the other side. Continue walking straight ahead until you reach a second pathway will branching to the left. Ignore this pathway and continue walking around to your right towards a further brick archway between two buildings. Under this archway, on your left you will see a red colour NAB ATM. From here, look straight ahead (from where you have come) and you will see a yellow colour Commonwealth ATM in the distance (approximately 50 metres), residing in the wall of a building in front of you. This building is the Student Union Building. To the left of this ATM there is an automatic door leading inside. Walk towards this door and enter the Student Union Building here. As you enter the building, immediately look 45 degrees diagonally to your right; beyond the chairs and tables. You will see a narrow hallway leading away from you. Enter and follow this hallway (approximately 25 metres) until you reach a series of on your right. The second shop you will reach will read "Bubble Cup" on its glass windows. Enter this shop and purchase yourself a cool reward. You are at your destination."