



Avonhead School Learning Centre

Avonhead Road, Christchurch

The project brief required the school's redundant 1960s hall to be adapted to function as a new centre for learning, with the main purpose being to create a stimulating and accessible learning environment in which students can develop enthusiasm for information and enjoyment of reading.

Positioned near to a busy road, the original hall building offered very little street appeal and a design decision was made to create a new playful street façade inspired by book spines stacked on a shelf. The resulting stepped façade allowed for built in window seats to be positioned within the façade to provide a place for individual or group reading activities. Internally, the timber flooring from the old school stage was re-used as the wall lining behind the window seats and finished with Resene Aquaclear satin waterborne urethane clear.

The external colour scheme was selected for consistency with the existing school building colours including Resene Linen, Resene Karaka and accents of Resene Lusty and additional colours Resene Crisp Green and Resene Washed Green

were added to enhance the 'book spine' appearance. Resene Sonyx 101 semi-gloss waterborne paint and Resene Hi-Glo gloss waterborne paint were selected for durability and long life factors due to the school environment where low maintenance finishes are important. The timber deck is finished in Resene Furniture & Decking Oil.

Internally, soft, neutral colours were chosen to create a calm environment, nurturing of learning. Resene Half Milk White was selected for the walls of the main spaces to enhance the selection of natural timbers within wall linings, acoustic ceiling panels and joinery fixtures. Colours Resene Beryl Green, Resene Robin Egg Blue, Resene Powder Blue and Resene Periglacial Blue were used in smaller ancillary spaces, such as the staff work and resource spaces, quiet room and audio-visual room. Resene Zylone Sheen low sheen waterborne paint was selected for its durability, washability, low sheen finish and very low odour complemented by Resene Enamacryl gloss waterborne enamel on trim and joinery and Resene Ceiling Paint.



Beryl Green
Crisp Green
Half Milk White
Karaka
Linen
Lusty
Periglacial Blue
Powder Blue
Robin Egg Blue
Washed Green

 Resene Bambina

Resene Total Colour Education Colour Maestro Award







Architectural Specifier: Opus Architecture www.opusarch.co.nz
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Colour Selection: Opus Architecture
Painting Contractor: Deco NZ www.deconz.co.nz
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Other Key Contributors: Avonhead School – for selection of main exterior wall colour

