



## Our Lady of the Rosary School

### Lower Hutt

 Resene Starstruck

This Catholic school, located in Lower Hutt, had a classroom block that was both earthquake prone and in serious need of full refurbishment. The decision was made to demolish the existing block and build a new five classroom block (and associated spaces) incorporating modern learning environment principles.

To manage the provision of teaching space for the school the new building was built in two stages:

Stage 1 - Senior School - Two Year 7 and 8 classrooms

Stage 2 - Middle School - Three Year 4, 5 and 6 classrooms

Both stages incorporate classrooms with a shared wet area opening onto a large north facing sheltered outdoor learning area space with Stage 1 (Senior School) also having a paved courtyard area. All classrooms have internal connections with each other through the shared wet area and directly between the classrooms. Each classroom also has access to the withdrawal room (or breakout space). This provides for flexible learning spaces and collaboration

between teachers and students.

Exposed roof trusses are a feature in all classrooms; these provide a clear demonstration of the roof construction as well as adding diversity to the interior space. These also provide hanging space for artwork and displays.

In the brief the school requested that the interior of the senior and middle classrooms had their own identity. This was achieved by using the colour red in the senior classrooms to define the teaching walls and as an accent strip in the grey carpet tile. The Middle School had the colour green to define the teaching walls and as squares of colour interspersed in the grey carpet tile.

The remaining interior colours, including **Resene Half Rice Cake**, were selected to complement both schemes and keep an overall unity to the project. The interior doors painted **Resene Phoenix** and rusty orange lino also tie in with the **Resene Meteor** used on the exterior. Clear finished Radiata Pine using **Resene Aquaclear Satin** was used for all interior trim, including the exposed trusses.

The exterior colour scheme for the new classroom block had to complement the existing buildings on the school site. The **COLORSTEEL®** roof in Permanent Green and **Resene Meteor** were selected to be incorporated into the new building. The rest of the colours were then chosen around these. **Resene Meteor** was used on the veranda posts and beams, along with the wet area bays which break into the outdoor learning space. A differentiation between the plywood and weatherboard cladding was also highlighted with the use of **Resene Half Thorndon Cream** on plywood and **Resene Secrets** on weatherboards. **Resene Sonyx 101** in **Resene Double Ash** was used on fascia and bargeboards with **Resene Thorndon Cream** on downpipes and facings and **Resene Non-Skid Deck & Path** in **Resene Traffic** on the timber ramp.

Following the completion of the project the exterior colour scheme was used on the repainting of the existing buildings. In the words of the principal "We are absolutely delighted with the space now. It is bright, open and airy. It offers really exciting new spaces for students to learn in."



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