



Tikipunga Primary School – Six Classroom Upgrade

Tania Place, Tikipunga, Whangarei

In early 2010 Tikipunga Primary School refurbished a six classroom block for the junior sector of the 274 pupil primary school. The colour scheme throughout the upgrade was intended to evoke a vibrant and colourful atmosphere while also providing individuality to each room for student recognition.

Each of the six classrooms were built in 1963 and in original condition, outdated for current teaching and learning practices. Our driving concept with this refurbishment was to provide each teacher and student with a classroom that had an identifying characteristic from the exterior that flowed to the interior working space. Each room is recognised from the outside with a unique coloured door with large black graphic numbering. These exterior colours are equivalent to the dado rail and vertical Melteca panels within.

Although a large factor of this project was to provide a distinction between each room, budget restraints and a need to have a slight thread of familiarity throughout, led us to incorporate a selection of similar colours/products, these included: carpet tiles, cable trays (in Shuttle Grey), Autex composite wall coverings and wall carpet.

All power points, telephone and data connections have been upgraded and relocated to the coloured dado rail or suspended cable trays within each classroom. By locating these outlets on a detachable horizontal rail we have provided the school with the potential to increase their outlets with little difficulty in the future as technology demands it. Each classroom has been fitted with new computers and furniture suites to bring them up to current teaching and learning requirements.

The refurbishment has been occupied for several months now and both students and teachers are relishing their newly personalised environment.

Provence
Blue

Half
Pearl
Lusta

Shuttle
Grey

Pohutukawa

Bittersweet

Bud

Gravel

Chameleon

Wind
Talker



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