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- Bright Spark
- Camarone
- Condor
- FilmPro Digital Green
- Geyser
- Gorse
- Grey Chateau
- Havoc
- Lima
- Milk Chocolate
- Picton Blue

Albany Senior High School

Albany Highway, Auckland

Albany Senior High School is not just another new school but one which is the first of its kind in New Zealand. It spearheads new teaching and learning pedagogies enabling student focused integrated learning, so a whole new approach to the design of learning spaces was required.

How colour was used is a key component in integrating this pedagogy into the physical space. The 10 learning commons, (flexible open plan teaching spaces), open onto a central circulation spine with large voids allowing natural light from skylights to penetrate the central space. These voids visually connect the learning commons to facilitate cross-curricular interaction and foster team work between teachers of various disciplines. The colours of each

learning common define and orient the students as well as serving as their 'house' colours, enhancing a sense of identity.

Colour is central to all aspects of Albany Senior High School, best summed up as a neutral tonal canvas with splashes of colour providing meaning to the vision of the school.

The exterior facade uses a combination of black aluminium joinery panels and green glass in an offset random pattern to echo the depth of the New Zealand bush and help the bulk of the building recede into the retained bush behind while the narrow red green and yellow panels provide welcome splashes of colour characteristic of the Puriri berries, Kowhai flowers and brighter leaves in the New Zealand bush.

The steel is painted a neutral grey (Resene Condor) to evoke the earthiness of the material while concrete is clear finished with (Resene Uracryl) to bring out the inherent texture.

The profiled metal ends and roof of the

building are an off-white (Colorsteel® Titania) and designed to lift the building from completely merging with the bush and the Titania contrasting with the black aluminium joinery panels is a nod to the Vernon Brown era of architecture.

The interior is a continuation of the exterior colour concept. The black and white contrast is reflected in the general off white wall colour (Resene QuarterTea) contrasting with black doors and wall panels along the spine of the building together with charcoal carpet.

The steel structure is exposed and painted (Resene Condor).

Onto this neutral palette splashes of 10 separate strong colours are introduced, one for each of the 10 learning communities then played off against bright carpet stripes and muted pinboard stripes.

All the school's colours are then brought together in the heart of the school, the entry foyer, where they are all represented

in a larger than life pixelated wall that encloses the library.

Here the colours represent the diverse aspects of the school coming together as one, new exciting and thought provoking school.

"Our stories are in this building – like the one about the coloured wall. The architects brought in two designs – one made of a very sedate and sensible cedar and the other brightly coloured, oddly shaped bricks. Simon LOVED the cedar – the teachers LOVED the bright colours – I LOVED the bright colours. I decided to ask the students who answered with a resounding, "We don't want a 'Nana' wall" etc. Simon caved – I mean who would want to be responsible for a 'Nana' wall?"

Extract from principal Barbara Cavanagh's opening address of ASHS May 2010.



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