



Whangarei Girls High School – New Library and Soft Materials Block

Lupton Avenue, Regent,
Whangarei



This project was driven by a brief that required the new school library to provide a 'modern, spacious and multi-use facility' forming a new focal point for the school. The form of the new library created main spaces off the radial connection point while maintaining clear sight lines from the central workroom 'command centre'.

The new library has become a key element to the school, its two wings radiate from the curved central node. Wherever possible, structural elements have been exposed to articulate the construction methodology. A well developed, functional brief and student design competition for floor coverings have resulted in an inviting environment and unique identity reflecting Northland and the school community while also fulfilling the functional requirements of a library.

The original building was altered two years after construction; the second stage of this project included the addition of a soft materials block to a 675 square metre area on top of the library. This had always been intended and so the original roof of the library was lifted to embrace five new classrooms with resource space to enable delivery of a new technology syllabus.



Architectural Specifier: Geoff King Architect, Designgroup architects h+k
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Building Contractor: Wooding Construction Ltd

Painting Contractor: McNabb and Hay

Photographer: Sarah Bertie

Colours Used: Resene Half Tea, Resene Pohutukawa, Resene Sea Fog,
Resene Shuttle Grey

Products Used: Resene Zylone Sheen, Resene Sonyx 101, Resene Hi-Glo,
Resene Uracryl 402

Pohutukawa

Sea Fog

Shuttle
Grey

Half Tea

 Resene Thor

