

PROJECT BRIEF



PROJECT: Kaipara College
DESIGNER: Sue Glasson Facility Manager Kaipara College
PRODUCTS: Polysafe Vogue Ultra, Polysafe Wood fx, Polyflor Forest fx, Expona Design, Northstate Carpets

Kaipara College

Is located in Helensville, a small town 35 km into the countryside, northwest of Auckland. Sue Glasson is the Facilities Manager there and has recently been kept very busy with a new flooring fit-out that covered most areas of the school—the science blocks, bathrooms, staff room and kitchen, drama room, school hall and corridors.

With such a diverse range of areas on her list, Sue needed a company that could provide a wide variety of quality flooring products. And that company was Polyflor New Zealand – New Zealand’s leading stockist of the famous Polyflor suite of products. Starting with the school hall,

Sue chose Polysafe Forest fx, a beautiful and authentic wood design that’s extremely practical being hard wearing and easy to clean. This matched the existing dark red timber hall interior perfectly.

This flooring was also used throughout the school corridors where its durability can easily manage the thousands of students it has to cope with each day.

Polysafe Wood fx was then laid in the school’s bathrooms. This heavy-duty safety flooring, featuring wood effect designs with slip resistance was perfect for the splashes and spills the average school bathroom sees each day!



Throughout the selection of colours and designs, Sue was very careful to bear in mind the rural setting of the school. “Kaipara College is situated in a beautiful, natural environment,” Sue says. “It was important to reflect that in the products we chose and also to help soften the impact of the new buildings we had. The timber effect products particularly help to warm things up.”

Moving onto the science blocks, Polysafe Vogue Ultra, one of Polyflor’s toughest designs, was used.

This is a heavy-duty, decorative safety flooring with an eye-catching multi-chip design and featuring the Polysafe PUR maintenance enhancement system for easy cleanability.

“Of course anything we use in the school has to be extremely hard-wearing and safe,” Sue says. “Everything we’ve used here has a 10 to 15 year guarantee. That’s very reassuring and important to us.”

The College’s drama room was carpeted throughout using Northstate Carpets – hard wearing solution dyed nylon carpets that combine a deep pile with durability and a luxurious look. This helped give the drama room the look and feel of a theatre and all-important soundproofing qualities. Of course drama students are often sitting (or rolling around!) on the floor, so the comfort of carpet was an excellent choice here.



Finally, the staff room and kitchen are perhaps the part of the re-fit that Sue is most proud of. A stunning floor of Polyflor’s Expona luxury vinyl tile has been laid in Sue’s colour choice of ‘Silvered driftwood’. “The staff love it and keep asking me if I can put it in their own kitchens at home,” Sue laughs.

The Expona range features a whole palate of innovative and sophisticated designs featuring realistic embossed finishes. Whilst a polyurethane surface treatment provides an excellent foundation for an ongoing cleaning regime – especially important in a kitchen that’s constantly in use.



Everyone at Kaipara College is delighted with the new floors. And of course, a college is all about young people, their futures and creating a sustainable environment in which they can grow and flourish. So it’s especially fitting that all products used at Kaipara College are environmentally friendly.

Polysafe flooring ranges and Expona Design Luxury Vinyl Tiles have achieved Ecospecifier Green Tag Certification for maximum points in the Education Green Star Rating Tool. Whilst Polyflor’s range of Polysafe and Luxury Vinyl Tile products are 100% recyclable through the Recofloor Vinyl Take-Back Scheme which sees tonnes of vinyl recycled avoiding landfill.

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