

Te Tahuhuroa o Ihenga

Waiariki Institute of Technology, Rotorua


This building was the result of a design competition. The shape of the building concept is based on the ancestral shark - Te Arawa. The building draws on this concept and demonstrates it as being a protector of Maori Taunga, Te Wananga and all of the races who will create the New Zealand of the future. The main spine (tahuhu) visually and physically links the building with the adjacent marae.

Inside references to the colours within the adjacent marae were used, with a contemporary edge. The campus uses

a standard off-white colour, **Resene Soapstone**, throughout as a base with **Resene Teal Blue** in the hallway, **Resene Double Gravel** on the doors and frames and **Resene Ceiling White** on the ceiling. A large component of the building uses engineered timber which was expressed visually and clear finished in Resene Aquaclear for ongoing protection.

Exterior concrete block is finished in Resene Aquapel water repellent and Resene X-200 low sheen weathertight membrane complementing the stained timber.



 Resene Double Barely There



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Building contractor: Baycom construction

Client: Waiariki Institute of Technology

Interior designer: Jacqui Heaton

Painting contractor: Baycom Construction

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