



Cashmere Primary School Epicentre

135 Hackthorne Road,
Cashmere, Christchurch


In 2003, the Cashmere Primary School Board of Trustees initiated a plan for a new multi-purpose building. The school roll had increased and more space was required. The existing hall had to be converted into classrooms – which meant a school without a hall!

Opus Architects were contracted to design a new multi-purpose building and in 2007 Ahead Building was awarded the contract, based on their building system and budget. The design of the building was restricted by the site – being that of a tennis court. Grand designs such as a full glass wall were initially included, but

quickly disappeared as budget restraints were squeezed. The building needed to 'look a million dollars', with an allowance of one external paint colour!

Building eventuated early in 2009. My design brief was to work within the school's existing colour palette of the original buildings, but ensure the new building became the focal point of the school reflecting its modernism and freshness.

Using the existing colour scheme, I introduced Resene colours to enhance and add interest to the new building.

 Resene Ironhide

Resene Total Colour Commercial Exterior Maestro Award





The design lent itself to creating enhanced visual appeal, especially on the West and South sides. A checkerboard effect with negative detailing was created where initially the full glass wall had been, allowing the front of the building to be determined. This was repeated on the West side in a simpler version. To add flow the checkerboard effect was repeated inside the building providing continuity.

The result – a modern appealing building that suits its surrounding and purpose.

Architectural Concept Design: Opus Architecture
Colour Selection: Tania Gorton
Final Concept Design and Building Contractor: Ahead Building
Metal Cladding Supplier: Stratco
Painting Contractor: Ross McAllister Painting and Decorating

Colours Used: Resene Mondo, Resene Triple Perfect Taupe, custom colours
Cashmere Primary Pale Earth, Cashmere Primary Off Yellow
Products Used: Resene Sonyx 101

Triple
Perfect
Taupe

Mondo