



Saint Kentigern School Jubilee Sports Centre

Project Details

Client: Saint Kentigern Trust Board
Location: Auckland, New Zealand
Approx. Value: \$11m
Floor Area: 2100 m²
Completed: 2009

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Awards

NZIA, New Zealand Architecture Awards, Public Architecture, 2011
NZIA, Resene Auckland Architecture Award, Public Architecture, 2009

After completing the Master Plan for the future development of Saint Kentigern School, Architectus was selected to undertake the first project to be commissioned from the Master Plan, the new Jubilee Sports Centre.

The brief called for a new multi purpose sports facility to include a gymnasium sized to accommodate national-level indoor sports, two teaching spaces, a sports pavilion, associated storage and changing, an all-weather sports surface for tennis and hockey and landscaped car parking. The project was to be completed for the School's Jubilee in 2009.

The school's campus is on a tight coastal site on which existing buildings, playing fields, significant existing trees and undulating terrain made planning for an expanding roll a challenging exercise.

The gymnasium 'box' is partially 'buried' in the bank thus reducing the scale and visual impact of the project on neighbouring and adjacent sites and enabling the new structure to stabilize the bank.

Other elements of the brief are accommodated in two clearly defined parts of the building. The teaching and pavilion functions are located in a single level 'bar' bordering the upper field and overlooking the gymnasium interior whilst circulation, changing and storage functions are located in a linking element that follows the slope of the existing bank beside the gym box.