

# Tereora College Redevelopment Plan

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## “STAGE 1 WORKS HAS STARTED”

Landholdings Ltd, who was awarded the stage 1 demolition & earthworks and construction contracts, made headway over the weekend with the new Technology Centre building. The building foundation and ground-floor slab is now expected to be completed before Christmas, a month ahead of schedule.

The Technology Centre, one of two new buildings, will be situated opposite the Princess Anne Hall, where the BCI stadium hardcourts were previously. Last weekend Landholdings cut and removed the hardcourts along with over 900 cubic metres of soil below it. The excavation of this volume of soil was necessary to reach suitable ground conditions, so the building can be constructed on a stable platform. Landholdings and their subcontractors are working in the evenings and weekends to move work along without disrupting the school routine and ensuring that NCEA students are not distracted from their exams. Work will continue this way until school concludes for 2016.

The ground work for the new Student Research Centre and Administration building will take place during the end of year school holidays. This includes the demolition of five existing buildings, relocation of the food-technology building to another part of the school, and diversion of utility lines within the construction site.

Preparations for 2017 school operations are also underway. Classroom reallocation and school movement plans are a critical part of the project as it is imperative that the school operates as normal during the construction period. Earlier this month a previous government residence adjacent to the school was refurbished and an outdoor learning area was built alongside it. This part of the school will accommodate Maori and Culture in 2017. Final preparations will be completed before school starts next year. Safety and traffic management plans will be implemented throughout the project.

Health and safety in and around the school and project site is not being taken lightly. The site specific plan prepared by Landholdings for stage 1 work incorporates safety management systems that would apply on construction sites in New Zealand. To supplement these efforts, the New Zealand High Commission with the Cook Islands Tertiary Training Institute (CITTI) is facilitating health and safety induction training for Landholdings and project staff. The training course will be delivered by Site Safe New Zealand and is open to other contractors, tradesmen and government agencies wishing to up-skill and obtain construction site passports. Those interested in attending the training course should contact CITTI.

Stage 1 construction has started and is progressing very well with milestones being achieved ahead of time. This is a result of the College, New Zealand High Commission, Project Management Unit and Landholdings management team being fully committed to facilitating the project's progress. A close working relationship will be maintained with key stakeholders throughout the duration of the project to ensure it meets expectations.

Monthly project releases will be issued from now on to keep the community informed of progress. Anyone wishing to follow progress more closely can visit the project facebook page ([facebook.com/TeCRP](https://facebook.com/TeCRP)) for daily updates.

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*Exposed ground after hard-court and soil excavation.*



*Backfill compaction complete, ready for concrete and steel work.*



*The new outdoor learning area is one part of the Classroom Reallocation Plan for 2017.*

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