

# Tereora College Redevelopment Plan

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## “GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY”

The official start of the Tereora College Redevelopment Project was celebrated with a ceremonial turning of the first sod earlier this month. Honourable Minister Mark Brown and His Excellency Nick Hurley were joined by representatives of the College and six families to break the ground marking the new entry point to the Student Research Centre and Administration building.

His Excellency Nick Hurley spoke of the strong collaboration between Government, Landowners and the local contractor Landholdings Ltd saying, “The progress of this project is an excellent example as to how projects should be implemented.” Minister Brown also praised the progress, making special mention of the importance of the Landowners and CIIC’s Special Projects Unit, led by Anne Taoro, commenting, “You will look back and proudly remember your contribution to the redevelopment of the new College.”

When the formalities concluded, Landholdings Ltd took full control of the project site. Five buildings were dismantled, demolished, and then carted offsite providing clear ground to peg the footprint of the new building. Diversion of utility lines and provision of temporary power supply within the project site are now complete.

Classroom reallocation and safe access plans are a critical part of the project as it is imperative that the school operates as normal during the construction period. To support these plans, the Food Technology building has been relocated. It now lies behind the refurbished Maori and Culture classrooms. For safe transition between the upper and lower quads, access through the BCI stadium will be provided. Traffic management plans will be implemented when necessary. In the meantime, the public is advised to observe all traffic safety and warning signs along the Arametua between Manea Foods Nikao and Tepuka Store.

Health and safety in and around the project site will not be taken lightly. Last month Landholdings Ltd and project staff were given a Health and Safety Induction training facilitated by the New Zealand High Commission and the Cook Islands Tertiary Training Institute (CITTI). It was also offered to the wider community, giving local contractors, tradesmen and government agencies the opportunity to up-skill and attain construction passports. The course, delivered by Site Safe New Zealand, supports the site specific plan prepared by Landholdings Ltd which incorporates safety management systems that would apply on construction sites in New Zealand.

Construction of the Technologies Centre building is progressing well. 60% of the foundation and ground floor slabs are complete, and 25% of the walls on the ground floor have taken form. Various tests are being carried out on and off site to ensure that finishes of the highest quality possible are attained.

As a result of maintaining close working relationships with key stakeholders, milestones are being achieved ahead of schedule. Tereora College, together with the New Zealand High Commission, Project Management Unit and Landholdings management team are fully committed to facilitating the project’s progress. Anyone wishing to follow progress more closely

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can visit the project facebook page ([facebook.com/TeCRP](https://facebook.com/TeCRP)) for regular updates. Until then, the Project Steering Group would like to thank the Community for their continuous support and understanding of recent traffic diversions and road closures. May you all have a joyous Christmas and prosperous New Year.



*From left: Honourable Minister Mark Brown, His Excellency Nick Hurley joined by landowners and College representatives to turn sods in celebration of this prestigious event.*



*Left: Food Technology building being moved by Multicontractors Ltd. Right: Building positioned adjacent the refurbished house on the east boundary.*



*Works on the Technologies Centre progressing well.*

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