

Tereora College Redevelopment Plan

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BUILDING ENVELOPES NEAR COMPLETE

The building envelope of New Zealand's 50th anniversary gifts to the Cook Islands are near complete. Construction of the Technologies Centre and Student Research/Administration buildings are well on track for the finishing phase to begin in September. His Excellency Mr Peter Marshall has been following the project's progress throughout the months and is impressed with the skills exhibited by Cook Islanders and others at the site.

"It is quite obvious that work is being undertaken in an expeditious and impressive manner. Visitors can now easily visualise the extent of the development," he said. "At this stage we have been advised that construction is on time and within budget, which is great news."

All external block work at the Technologies centre is complete, including 90% of the internal timber framing. All precast panels have been placed, and 95% of the floor slabs have been cast. The remaining section will be poured once installation of all plumbing and electrical services are complete. All precast panels have been landed. Installation of aluminium window and door frames is scheduled to commence this week. Contractors have placed all structural steel for the roof and are currently in the process of installing the roof underlay at the Student Research/Administration building. The roofing iron at the Technologies building was placed over the weekend, giving contractors more shelter to continue working under.

The New Zealand government continues to take an active interest in the on-going development at Tereora College and is impressed with progress to date. New Zealand's former Foreign Minister Honourable Murray McCully visited the site in February of this year and inspected work being undertaken. In a similar vein Governor General Dame Patsy Reddy had discussions with Cook Islands Ministry of Education representatives and engineers when she too visited the site in April. The degree of on-going interest was further demonstrated when Prime Minister Right Honourable Bill English, during his first visit to the Cook Islands, attended Tereora College earlier this month in the company of two other New Zealand Cabinet Ministers.

"New Zealand is very pleased to have the opportunity to contribute financially to the development of the College, knowing its history and its overall importance to the Cook Islands," said Marshall.

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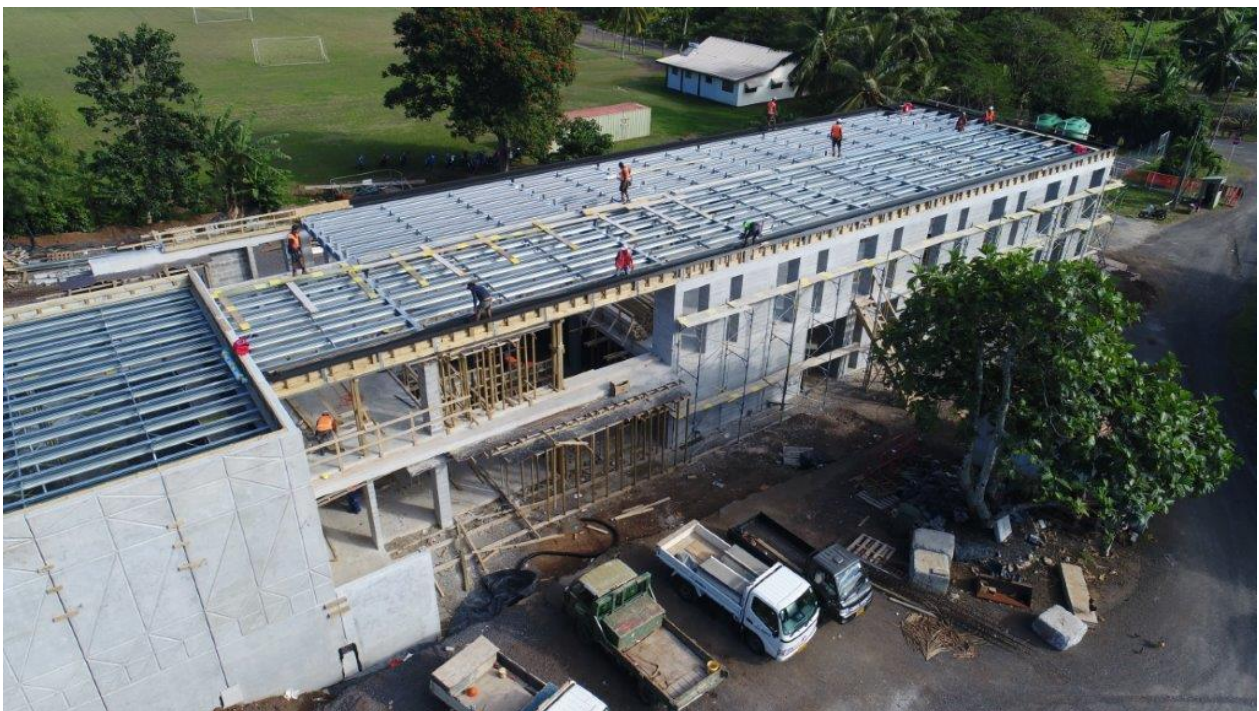
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