

Lake Tekapo Primary School

Ministry of Education

Sector
Education

Service
Main contractor:
New build and
refurbishment

Timeframe
10 months
Complete 2021

Consultants
Architect: PXA
Other consultants:
Powell Fenwick

Relocating classrooms, renewing spaces

Scope

Farrell Construction was engaged to deliver a combined new build and refurbishment project at Lake Tekapo Primary School. The programme included relocating buildings from Christchurch to the school site, installing new foundations and structural works, demolishing existing structures, and constructing a new sports garage and decking. The project also involved reinstating playgrounds, landscaping, services and civil works.

Process

Working within a live school environment required close coordination with staff and students. Farrell collaborated directly with the principal to plan activities, manage staged works, and minimise disruption. The programme was delivered in separable portions to meet critical milestones. All carpentry elements, from foundations and installation of the prefabricated classrooms through to cladding and fit-out, were completed by Farrell's own team.

Solution

Completed in 10 months, the project has provided Lake Tekapo Primary School with upgraded facilities, improved outdoor areas, and new teaching spaces. Beyond construction, Farrell's presence strengthened ties with the local community, leaving both a modernised school environment and positive relationships in place.

