

University of Canterbury – New Education Building

Hawkins Construction

Structural and fit-out works for revitalised block

Scope

Formerly the University's Commerce building, the project revitalised a seven-storey block into a purpose-built educational facility that included new project rooms, breakout areas and social spaces. Farrell Construction was engaged as a super sub-contractor to deliver structural, façade and fit-out works, while also providing project management support to Hawkins.

Process

Our scope included removing the existing precast façade and internal panels, strengthening columns and foundations, and replacing floor panels with new timber and steel substrates to ensure watertightness. Interior works covered partitions, glazing and GIB supply, fix and stop. Farrell provided more than 50 staff at peak, including project managers, site managers, foremen and carpenters, embedded directly with Hawkins to ensure seamless coordination.

Solution

Delivered over 24 months, the redevelopment transformed the building into a high-performance learning facility. Careful planning meant noisy works and crane operations were scheduled around the academic calendar, minimising disruption for more than 10,000 daily campus users.

Principal

Super
Sub-contractor
to Hawkins
Construction

Service

Foundations, structure
and refurbishment,
and provided
management for Hawkins

Timeframe

24 months
Completed 2018

