



# Northcote College

Principal: Vicki Barrie

To Whom It May Concern:

## *Northcote College Recommends Shakthi Construction*

Shakthi Construction was the successful tenderer for a building project at Northcote College in 2017. The project was completed by Shakthi Construction within the expected time and budget constraints. The quality of the work and the excellent relationship between the school and Shakthi mean that the project has resulted in an enduring positive legacy. The project was complex and involved renovating four existing areas within four separate blocks. The project budget was over \$1,000,000. Northcote College is pleased to provide this letter of recommendation for Shakthi Construction.

The project was a success as a result of Shakthi Construction's people and processes. The Shakthi people involved were approachable, skilled and rewarding to work with. In particular, the school benefited day to day from the competence and involvement of Raj Singh, the Project Site Manager.

The project involved significant challenges. Building work commenced at the busiest time of the school year. Working on old buildings uncovered various challenges as room interiors were demolished. The only delays to the project completion were due to additional structural support required and therefore having to wait for the steel production. Raj kept on top of all the subcontractors and ensured the project ran efficiently. He was able to anticipate problems of design in the existing old buildings. In response he came up with workable, cost effective solutions. He kept the school informed. The entire Shakthi team understood how to work successfully in the school. They kept staff and students safe and did their best to ensure teaching and learning was not disrupted. Issues raised were very quickly resolved. Communication was at all times effective and timely. Shakthi people at all levels understand how schools work, our budget constraints, and that we need durable building solutions not requiring costly ongoing maintenance.

We are very pleased with the final results. We now have:

- M Block student toilets rebuilt completely to include two accessible bathrooms and four self contained unisex toilets
- F5 lecture theatre converted to a standard classroom - new window/glazing to the corridor, new floor covering and Vertiface on all the walls.
- B Block ground floor - two science labs, prep room and resource room converted to one modern classroom with sliding glass doors onto a new deck/outdoor learning area, a multi-use learning commons, Te Korowai Aroha which includes three counsellors offices, a meeting room, student reception, attendance office, kitchenette and open work space for three student support workers and the Gateway Coordinator.
- C Block -former student support offices gutted to make a large Whanau classroom with kitchenette.
- A kitchenette installed in a purpose built cupboard in the main office.

We have no hesitation in recommending Shakthi Construction. Please contact Friederike on DDI 481 0145 should you have any questions.

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