
Community Statement

John Paul II High School, Greymouth.



Block C at John Paul II High School, Greymouth.

Upon undertaking an inspection of the foundation system, as recommended in the recent detailed engineering evaluation for John Paul II High School, the structural engineers from Opus International Consultants have identified that the foundation system for Block C is inadequate. The engineers have also identified the retaining wall to the west of Block C is under additional strain from the movement of Block C.

The structural engineers have alerted the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch to these findings. The Diocese has determined that the classroom block and retaining wall are to be cordoned off. Block C is to be closed for school use by school students from Monday the 31st of March 2014.

The Chairperson of the school's Board of Trustees and the Principal have been informed of the situation regarding block C and the surrounding area. They are in the process of arranging for the moving of all items out of the building.

The following actions have been and/or will be undertaken:

1. Removal of items out of the building
2. Building and retaining wall are to be fenced off and access is to be restricted for a distance of 3 metres below the wall.
3. Block C will be removed from site.

An inspection of the foundation system to block D was also carried out and it was found that the concrete ring foundation and concrete piles are in good condition.

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