

Our Lady of Victories School (Sockburn)



Block 1

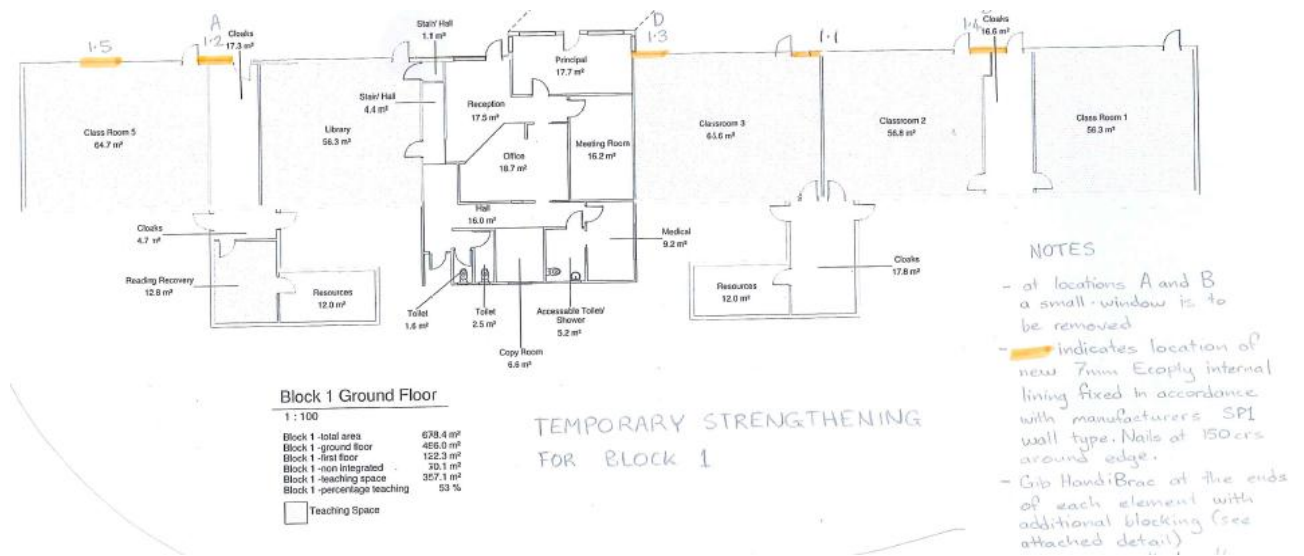
During the course of the yet to be completed detailed engineering evaluation (DEE) of Our Lady of Victories School, Sockburn, structural engineers from Opus International Consultants have determined Block 1 to be earthquake prone. Therefore Block 1 requires remedial work in order to meet appropriate building standards.

The structural engineers have alerted the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch to this preliminary finding and the Diocese has determined that Block 1 is to undergo immediate temporary remedial work in order to improve the seismic capacity of the building.

The following actions will be undertaken starting on Thursday 11th October 2012:

1. Hann Construction will commence the appropriate temporary bracing work that the structural engineers from Opus International have detailed and specified.

- The strengthening scheme entails installing plywood bracing to five sections of internal wall as indicated below and the installation of steel hold down brackets to each bracing section.



- This bracing work will improve the seismic capacity of the building to 38% of the new building standard.
- When this bracing work has been completed Block 1 will no longer be considered earthquake prone and will be able to be re-occupied for teaching and learning.
- The strengthening work will be complete by 5pm on Friday 12th October 2012.
- Following the completion of this temporary bracing work the Diocese will include Block 1 in its diocesan-wide budgeting process for providing a permanent and more cosmetically pleasing strengthening solution for all buildings, in all schools, to a seismic capacity >67%NBS.

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