

St Mary's School Christchurch North



Block 1 Admin area not affected

A preliminary engineering assessment of St Mary's School has revealed that the classroom section of Block 1 is earthquake prone and requires remedial work in order to meet appropriate building standards and be able to be re-occupied.

Accordingly the classrooms in Block 1 have been closed for occupancy forthwith.

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

1. Four marquees (with associated flooring) will be installed at the school this weekend.
2. Portaloos will be installed at the school this weekend.
3. A security company will be on site after school hours.
4. Hann Construction will be on site on Monday morning to commence the appropriate temporary bracing work that the structural engineers from Opus International have detailed and specified.
5. The strengthening scheme entails installing plywood bracing walls internally over existing walls to improve the capacity of the building, and remove the lines of weakness through the clear storey windows.
6. This bracing work will improve the seismic capacity of the building to as near as practicable to 67% of the new building standard.
7. When this bracing work has been completed the classrooms in Block 1 will no longer be considered earthquake prone and will be able to be re-occupied for teaching and learning.

8. It is anticipated that this bracing work will be completed within 7 – 10 working days.
9. Following the completion of this temporary bracing work the Diocese will commence the process of providing for a permanent and more cosmetically pleasing strengthening solution.

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