



Manurewa High School

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A furniture upgrade was the ideal time for Manurewa High School to encourage better student collaboration. As one of New Zealand's largest secondary schools this was an important focus.

Business Manager Julie Locke grabbed the chance to assist a pedagogical shift when several spaces required new furniture.

Heads of department and their staff could choose their own furniture, but Julie had one

condition - the spaces needed to encourage students to work together more freely.

All the teams embraced the idea, thinking carefully about colour, flexibility and durability for each of their classes - but with student collaboration always at the heart.

Everyone agrees the rooms now feel larger, more modern and most importantly have improved the way the students work in groups.

"I love the colour and that I can move the desks easily and make different learning groups - basically I love how flexible the space has become."

Andrea Bossenger, Head of Social Sciences



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Flip Tables can be folded away to give more flexibility in the space.



Connect Chairs in vibrant colours with Alpha Desks. The desks can be brought together for group learning, or separated for individual tasks.



Business studies students can collaborate or learn independently.

"Although the spaces are still old, the new furniture has improved the feel of the rooms. Students and staff are most appreciative and enjoying the new spaces."

Julie Locke - Business Manager.



Students enjoy working where they feel comfortable.



The Social Sciences walls were rich in colour with student work on display. Staff carried those hues throughout with pops of bright colour across table surfaces.

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