

Feedback from Riccarton High School students who met with the architects on 18 September 2003

Students' ideas and comments:

- Environmentally safe eg if tree is in the way it is replanted
- Children – cosy corner
- Computers
- Fit in – modern
- Roof features
- Art work by students
- Soundproof glass
- Study lounge
- 1 storey
- Night sky ceiling
- Lava lamps
- Fish tanks
- Artwork
- Unique design – glass
- Better books
- More books
- Colourful environment
- Water cooler/fountain
- Water feature
- AV room, separate headphones
- Friendly staff
- Historical literature
- Community services
- Couches
- Video selection
- Videos to watch
- CD/DVD selections
- Automatic revolving doors
- Self issue machine
- Café open to everyone
- Café – inside/outside
- Plants
- Accessible newspapers
- Catalogue
- TV
- Chat zone where you can be real loud
- Split level
- Easy access
- Computers with scanners
- Beanbags
- Bikestands
- Outside lights
- Nature reading, outdoor reading environment

- Newspaper archives
- Vending machines
- Posters
- Funky indoor plants
- Open – not all separate
- Library/balcony overlooking the sports fields
- Toilets in the library
- A place to put bags – bigger and safer
- Easy access to high shelves
- Something to keep the library quiet
- Photocopier
- Noticeboards – if want to sell something
- After hours returns outside the library
- Free bookmarks – not the ones with advertising
- Board games
- Maps of library and sections well signposted
- Cushion area
- Sun roof/lots of sun
- Displays
- Meeting rooms
- Courtyard or glass room
- Room for student librarians
- 2 areas – research and recreation
- Giant chess
- Study room/individual small for quiet study/small group discussion
- Kitchen for librarians
- Computers to find information – can sit at
- Carpet
- Magazines
- Open on Sundays
- Open before school so you can finish homework
- Homework helpline
- Area where you can, drink and read at the same time
- Mirrors or glass walls for maximum view
- Spa while you read
- Printing and laminating facilities
- Air conditioning/heating
- Different floor levels
- Soundproof kids area
- Good chairs
- Easy access to books – clearly labelled shelves so books easy to find
- Peaceful colours
- Garden to relax in (mentally)
- Skylight/heaps of natural light
- Steady desks
- Desk surface appropriate for writing on (not rough and hard)\