

## May construction update

There are some key dates that you need to be aware of for May, as we make progress on the development of building “one”.

### Concrete floor pours

These will be happening on the following dates (weather permitting):

12 May 2012	Zone 2 concrete floor pour	(ground floor)
17 May 2012	Zone 3 concrete floor pour	(ground floor)
24 May 2012	Zone 4 concrete floor pour	(ground floor)
25 May 2012	Zone 1 concrete floor pour	(first floor)

### Concrete beam delivery

On 17 May, concrete beams will be being delivered and craned into place for the start of the construction, of the first floor of building “one”.

### Wall panel delivery

On 29 May, the south east wall panels will be delivered and craned into position. E block, west area, will have restricted access during the time it takes for the panels to be delivered and put into place.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these concrete floor pours, beam delivery or delivery of the wall panels please contact Kelvin Irvine on 237 3103 Extn 3921 or on mobile 027 513 1756.

We hope you are enjoying watching the progress of the building development of building “one. You may be interested in reading the media release below that featured in the local Kapi Mana newspaper last week.

# Building walls of history

By ANDREA O'NEIL

Whitireia students are in for a visual treat as their long-awaited new campus block takes shape.

The building is \$16.5 million and 3817 square metres, and will be finished by December. Its small details will be as impressive as its grand scale, lead architect Michael Melville says.

Moulded concrete Maori carvings on the external walls and inside the block will tell a story about the university's history and its students and staff, he says.

"You can see this incredible wall from a distance but when you get closer you can read a whole narrative in it."

Whitireia tutor in whakairo (carving) James Molnar created triangular designs and pou-like panels for the building, using motifs of birds, sharks, seeds, human figures and korowai (cloaks).

The building will become a striking and recognisable Porirua landmark, Mr Melville says.

"We want to hark back to the uni as a beacon to students, to guide them through their lives."

Whitireia chief executive Don Campbell agrees: "It will be something that not only Whitireia but Porirua can be proud of."

The new block will be a world-class



**Shaping up:** Whitireia's new campus development will be world-class and visually sumptuous, its designers say. From left, carving tutor James Molnar, project manager Jonathan Moss, lead architect Michael Melville, and capital assets manager Kelvin Irvine.

facility, with state-of-the-art lab space for health students, glass-walled classrooms and a multi-use, open-plan hall dubbed a "learning street", he says.

"Even though the financial situation is challenging we had to put a stake in the ground. We have got to have first-class facilities for our students."