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### **Teaching block refurbishment creates interactive learning spaces**

A major refurbishment of an older teaching building on the NMIT Nelson Campus has created more classrooms, lighter spaces and a better experience for students and teachers.

In 2020 the NMIT Board approved a \$1.18 million investment in the refurbishment of K-Block on Alton Street to modernise the building and improve the internal configuration to suit the needs of the users. The refurbishment will also alleviate pressure on space due to the growth in domestic student numbers.

Chief Executive Wayne Jackson says previously the building only had three classrooms and was no longer fit for purpose as a modern learning environment.

“Following engagement with our students and staff we came up with a design that added another classroom, and two additional spaces especially created for our Applied Business students.”

“These are fitted with new video conferencing systems, which deliver full motion HD video and high-quality audio, which makes for a more interactive experience for our learners in Marlborough attending the lectures,” he says.

Corresponding spaces at the NMIT Marlborough site have also been updated to enhance the relationship between the two campuses.

Staff received training on the new equipment before students started using the spaces in the second semester.

Arts and Media students and tutors assisted with the interior colour scheme of the building, which uses a raspberry, black and grey colour palette.

The addition of glass panels creates an open feel and allows light to flow through the building.

The project faced a few challenges during the infrastructure upgrade, including a delay in the delivery of a new lift due to COVID-19.

The building will be fully utilised by staff and students from 9 August.

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