

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL COMMENDS WINDCATCHER TECHNOLOGY AT ORMISTON SENIOR COLLEGE.

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5 Star Green Star Ormiston Senior College (OSC) in Auckland opened its doors to students in early 2011.

To ensure a clean, cool and fresh internal environment is maintained, Vento Australasia supplied 6 WINDCATCHER® natural ventilation units, and 77 Monodraught SOLA-BOOST® solar assisted ventilation units.

Principal of Ormiston Senior College, Maurie Jackways states “A lot of time, thought and energy has been put into making OSC a state of the art, green school, and the WINDCATCHER technology played a big role in securing the 5 Star Green Star rating,”

“At first I was sceptical about the units’ performance, however I must admit that I am now impressed with the level of comfort they provide. Despite the howling winds and rain we have experienced these last few weeks we have experienced no rain ingress through the Windcatcher units.”

Since the school opened in 2011, staff and students have commented on the fresh air that is being delivered through the SOLA-BOOST units which has contributed to a refreshing and healthy learning environment.



“The staff and students love the clean, fresh air that is being delivered through the SOLA-BOOST units. I am aware of how difficult it can be to concentrate in a stuffy environment, so all of us are pleased to be working in such a natural environment,” says Mr. Jackways.

The systems will provide large cost savings with the New Zealand Ministry of Education (MOE) previously stating that a standard school air conditioning system costs approximately \$100,000 per year in maintenance and running costs. This makes the SOLA-BOOST a perfect solution for schools and large facilities.

“The SOLA-BOOST systems have the ability to create a comfortable indoor temperature without any mechanical assistance even through our summer periods. This method of cooling and ventilation will help to reduce our school’s running costs”

“As a 21st century school, and as the most recent school in New Zealand, we hoped that the school’s facilities would be highly innovative and deliver environmentally sensitive outcomes” said Mr. Jackways.