

University of Auckland - The B507 Park West Development

Case Study

The chic and modern addition to the University of Auckland, B507 Park West Development - Grafton campus boasts a value of \$100m+, spans 19,500m², has five occupied levels and includes a carpark, acoustic booths, teaching spaces, clinics and offices.

Express was subcontracted to Numecon Contracting to deliver the job within a tight timeframe, beginning October 2018 and going through to February 2020.

"Establishing consistent and clear communications has ensured all aspects of this job were completed with minimum fuss and maximum accuracy. The job was modelled and provided in Revit 3D and that enabled a simple and accurate translation to manufacturing requirements. This and the timely release of high quality mechanical drawings from Numecon via Aconnex really improved the ability to plan and manufacture this project in support of the site program and ensure manufacturing was completed accurately - first time - to very high standards", Mike Arcari – Director Production, Express Sheetmetals.

Numecon note that Express excel in responding to site demands in a timely manner, their QA and quality of install is top notch and can-do attitude is greatly appreciated.

According to Paul O'Callaghan, Director of Numecon Contracting, Express take initiative to use innovative technology that significantly improves accuracy and therefore efficiency.

"It was a relatively simple space-restricted project, but it had to be done fast and the accuracy had to be there", explains Paul.

On Express, Paul had this to say, "They are a good company. They have good systems and good people."

On their relationship, "It's construction. You're in peoples face. You're building things. You're under pressure to deliver. But at the end of the day, they have the right people."

"I liken it to an old Māori proverb that goes like this:

'He aha te mea nui o teā o? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.

It translates to:

'It is the people, it is the people, it is the people.'

And this explains Express Sheetmetals to a tee", Paul finishes.

"Working in an environment where there was fantastic alignment and communication between the head contractor, the Numecon team and ourselves has made this project a pleasure to complete. With stability in the build program, completeness of design and very strong on-site management of the mechanical aspects of the project we were able to place additional emphasis on quality to ensure we met the very highest of customer expectations", Sander Dales – Director Operations.

