



WAIROA SCHOOL SENSORY PANELS

Over the Summer break 2013/14 and up to early May 2014 the Waverley Shed was involved in a special project for the Wairoa Special Needs School, that being the design and creation of a series of sensory wall panels to be erected in the playground of the school.

“Students at the school sometimes withdrew from the world and social situations during play and lunch times”. The panels each contain “visual and tactile pieces the students can touch and engage with, and helps them to interact positively with their environment and peers” (words of Sarah Davis, former teacher).



The design was made by Tom Wolf, it depicts scenery “from the sea to the mountains”, and the design was then incorporated by Tom onto 6 x 2400mm x 600mm individual panels utilising artificial grass (astro-turf) and wooden components, and made weatherproof as it was to be an external feature.

The team from the Shed was there to install the panels at the school, and the formal presentation in June 2014 was attended by State and Local Government guests.

The greatest pleasure was seeing the reaction of the students, which gave all who attended a special glow within and made the nearly 5 month project truly worthwhile. The members of the Shed were presented with a certificate of gratitude made by the students.

