

An Investment in the Future

BIBLE COLLEGE *of*
NEW ZEALAND

**The Library, Archive and Resource Centre
Bible College of New Zealand**

*A Project
for the
21st Century*

The Library, Archive and Resource Centre

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*More than Bricks
and Mortar ...*

Our Vision for New Zealand's Future

It is time for the Bible College of New Zealand to commit to a major building project that is much more than bricks and mortar - the creation of a new Library, Archive and Resource Centre.

The project is long overdue and the need is great. In 1922 the College opened with 10 students. Today there are more than 2000 students, making the Bible College the South Pacific's largest evangelical theological training institution. It provides NZQA accredited awards from Certificate to Doctoral level.

The Bible College is interdenominational and graduates can be found working in all areas of life, both in New Zealand and overseas. The College, though based in Auckland, has 16 venues from Kaitiaki to Invercargill.

In order to be effective in the 21st century the College needs to grow its library, archives, computer suites and provide internet facilities, language labs, high-speed copying. This state-of-the-art Library, Archive and Resource Centre will enable the Bible College to better equip its students for the many challenging roles they are called to, and in turn benefit the communities they serve.



The Library, Archive and Resource Centre A Description

The plans and resource consent are now completed and the construction of the new Library, Archive and Resource Centre starts in June 2004.

The facility will include:

Local and national campus offices
Educational services
Student services
Finance and marketing offices

The Centre itself will provide:

- Capacity to hold 120,000 volumes of books, manuscripts
- Atmospherically-controlled archive environment
- Study space for 400 full-time students
- Teaching and computer labs
- Rare book collection room
- Information technology - internet, virtual resources
- New Zealand Archive of Evangelical Christianity in the South Pacific

Estimated total cost: \$8.5 million



Architects' Impressions of the Library, Archive and Resource Centre



Library Upper Floor



Lounge and Function Area



Fact and Figures

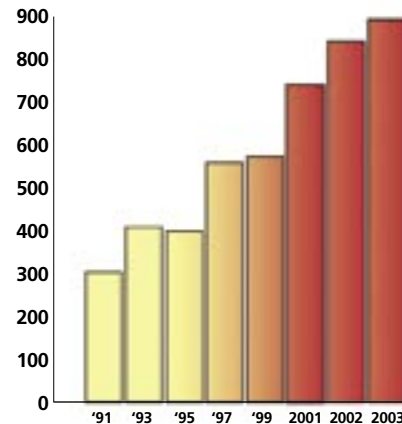
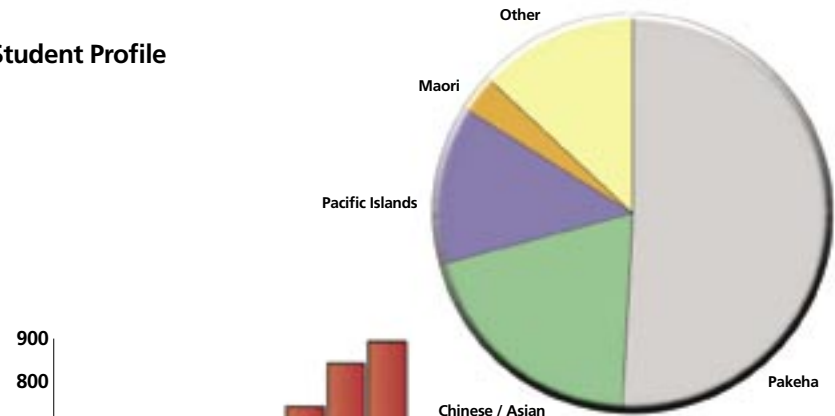
Bible College of New Zealand graduates have worked in social service, mission, pastoral ministry, youth and family ministry, counselling and many other fields for over 80 years.

57% of College students are aged 21 - 40 years.

Approximately 30% of graduates have served God overseas in 120 different countries.

Bible College students form a diverse community of different ages and ethnic backgrounds.

Student Profile



Student Numbers
(Equivalent Full-Time)

More than Bricks and Mortar

"New Zealand is our mission field as well as overseas countries. This Resource Centre will be important in training men and women who go out into our communities to relieve those needs."

Judge Arnold Turner



"The Bible College has made a huge difference over the last 80 years. To keep that going there's got to be a depth of research, so this College can produce graduates who can make a difference to our community."

Professor Peter Lineham



"It is vitally important to develop an educated leadership. The proposal is bold and far-sighted and merits wide support from the Christian community in New Zealand."

The Rt Rev. Robert Yule, Moderator



"Bible College needs such a facility to maintain and extend its high standards in academic study and research, and making those facilities available to many beyond the physical boundaries of the College, makes it an exciting project."

The Rt Rev. John Paterson, Bishop of Auckland



"World Vision strongly endorses the ministry of Bible College of New Zealand. I believe this resource Centre will be a significant asset, not only for students and staff of Bible College but also for the wider Christian community."

Helen Green, Executive Director, World Vision



A Message from Hudson Deane



Our vision for the future of the Bible College is very much dependent on the building of the Library, Archive and Resource Centre. The Centre will be the hub of our organisation, equipping students and others with the tools they need and deserve in their pursuit of a better society and the extension of God's Kingdom. This Library, Archive and Resource Centre will become a place of research not only for BCNZ students but also for researchers from the wider community in New Zealand.

We're hoping for the support of generous and like-minded people to make this vision a reality. A contribution provides much more than bricks and mortar, computers, and furnishings... The return on the investment cannot be measured in dollar terms. It's an investment in the future of our country, Aotearoa, this beautiful country sometimes called God's own, and in the Kingdom of God.

We ask you to consider playing a part in making this nation a better place for our children, and their children. Please help provide us with the resources, and we will do the job that God has called us to do.

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