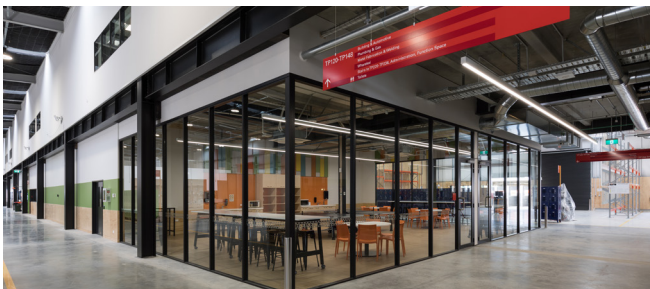


## MIT TechPark Campus



**Development**  
**Project Management**  
**Construction**

**Project**  
 Commercial

**Location**  
 52-54 Manukau Rd  
 Manukau

**Client**  
 Haydn & Rollett  
 Property Fund

**Tenant**  
 Manukau Institute of  
 Technology

**Value**  
 \$30 Million

**Period**  
 17 Months

**Consultants**  
 Architect /  
 ASC Architects

**Mechanical /**  
 Thurston Consulting

For MIT, the South Auckland training institution's new TechPark in Manukau is a milestone building, bringing together all of its engineering and trades schools under one roof for the first time in 50 years. It was more than your average project, too, for Haydn & Rollett, who took on multiple roles here – developer, design manager, builder and, ultimately, owner via the Haydn & Rollett Property Fund.

Located on a greenfields site on Manukau Station Rd, the 6000m<sup>2</sup> facility incorporates administrative offices and classrooms through the spine, with a series of workshops on either side for hands-on training. The latter required Haydn & Rollett to get a thorough understanding of the various schools' needs, including working with MIT to help accommodate the migration of machinery from MIT's previously scattered sites. All of the workshop spaces have been designed to be flexible, allowing the tenants to reconfigure and expand or contract according to their needs.

True to the function of the building, the materials used are hardwearing, streamlined, pragmatic – the entire structure is wrapped in corrugated steel, for a start. Yet this is not your standard industrial-educational building. The design, by ASC Architects, incorporates Pasifika and Maori references, while timber brings a touch of flair to the atrium. In addition, the extensive use of patterned glazing at the entrance, along with dark aluminium fins and painted steel columns combine to create a real sense of arrival.

The result shows what a partnership between a private venture and an educational facility can produce when trust and good communication are prioritised from the start.

**Awards**

**2021 Property Council NZ - Educational Property Award, Excellence**

**2021 Learning Environments Australasia Awards, Best New Educational Facility**