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New ideas for old-school school

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INTERNATIONAL school design expert **Prakash Nair** met with students, staff and key community representatives in Kingston this month to discuss its \$30 million new high school.

Education Department deputy secretary post-compulsory education and training Michael Stevens said the focus was on the development of the project brief in consultation with the school.

He said early planning covered key educational concepts, information technology, facility and sustainable design requirements, and will form the basis of engagement of design consultants in the new year.

Mr Nair, from New York, who has designed schools in 17 countries, was behind Devonport's Reece High School's building design.

Mr Stevens said Mr Nair shared the very latest in current thinking in educational facility design to assist the school community in further planning for their new school.

"The school will be constructed on a greenfields site in Kingston View Drive, Kingston," he said.

The Department of Education and Kingborough Council are investigating the optimum location of the school on the proposed site.

The Government has allocated \$30 million to it over the next three years, with the first \$3 million instalment provided in 2006-07.

Kingston High School had 620 students enrolled and the new school would be built to take 750 students.

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