

# PLAY GEAR™

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*An example of some of the PLAYGEAR™ at the new Clearview School, Rolleston.  
The school was formally opened by Prime Minister, John Key, in March 2010.*

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## **The new kid on the block....**

Clearview Primary School in Rolleston has opened its doors this year. One of Canterbury's fastest growing areas, Rolleston's existing primary school doubled its roll from 300 in 2001 to 600 last year. The population growth led to the fast-tracking of the new school, which was completed by Mainzeal Construction in eight months. Clearview will eventually operate as a full primary, Years 1 to 8, with a roll of around 600, but initially will have 400 pupils in years 1 to 4. A secondary school and early childhood centre are also planned for the site.

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The Clearview Primary School buildings were constructed with light metal framing, incorporating cedar panels and with metal cladding around the windows.

Earl says, at the beginning of construction there was no road access to the site, so Mainzeal built a temporary road, and then had to get all the services for the school installed in what was eventually going to be the road.

Mainzeal built three classroom blocks, housing a total of 17 56sqm classrooms, a self-contained hall, an administration building complete with library, and a caretaker's shed.

The school buildings were constructed with light metal framing, clad with cedar panels, with metal cladding around the windows. The buildings have been painted with bright colourful greens, yellows, oranges, and reds, with each building offset in a different colour to the next.

The company also completed all the outside site works including playing fields, paved areas, two playgrounds, and an edible garden for the pupils to plant.

The junior and senior Playgear playgrounds were supplied by Dunedin firm AJ Grant Engineering, which has designed and installed playgrounds for schools throughout New Zealand.

Allan Grant says it was a pleasure to work on the project with “the efficient Mainzeal team”

Clearview Primary School has power monitoring, so power usage can be monitored from any computer in the complex. It also has a weather station for analysing the weather and what the effects of it are. The school will be operating a total recycling policy, with all rubbish to be taken home and recycled as there are no rubbish bins at the school.

Graham Earl says part of Mainzeal's brief was to complete the wiring and install all the electronic equipment at the school.

“It was almost a turnkey project, the school just had to purchase the furniture.”

He says it has been a marvellous project for Mainzeal to be involved in, having generated a lot of interest from across the country because of the speed of construction and quality of workmanship.

A new secondary school and an early childhood centre have also been earmarked for the same site.

