

## MEDIA RELEASE

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# Chapel gets a makeover

With its 60 year old pipe organ, sweeping vaulted ceilings, 24 metre steeple and large windows, Dilworth School's St Patricks Chapel in Auckland is a renowned place of worship.

Recently, the chapel's custodians faced a dilemma. The sun beating through the windows was deteriorating the valuable and historical pipe organ.

Local window film installer Dennis Irvine from High Performance Window Films in Auckland was asked to devise a way to protect the organ from sun damage, without compromising the chapel's distinctive look.

Dennis recommended solar control window film. He soon realised, however, that accessing the windows to apply the film would be difficult.

Dennis said, "Window film is usually applied to the interior of a window. In this case, the windows behind the organ were unreachable from the inside because of the organ pipes."

The solution was to use external application film that rejects 80% of solar energy.

A cherry picker was hired to provide access to the windows from the outside, and the job was completed early in the morning, before the sun could heat the area and so the cool morning air kept dust and contamination to a minimum.

Keith Rawlings, Dilworth School Bursar, comments, "As well as being a place of worship, St Patricks also has local historical significance, so any decision to renovate is made with due consideration. Fitting film to the windows has given outstanding results. Our beloved pipe organ is protected, our chapel is much cooler on warm days and the film actually enhances the look of the chapel from the outside and inside."

High Performance Window Films is a member of the Window Film Association of Australia & New Zealand (WFAANZ), New Zealand's peak industry body. WFAANZ film manufacturers provide a minimum 10 year warranty, and some even offer a lifetime warranty on residential applications. Visit [www.wfaanz.org.nz](http://www.wfaanz.org.nz) for more information about window film and a list of installers near you.

### About window film

Window film has come a long way since its introduction in 1961. Advanced technologies mean window films now offer greater variety of shades, colours and performance levels; the best products are guaranteed to survive the different New Zealand climate zones with scratch resistant coatings for protection and metallic layers for colour stability.

### About WFAANZ

A non-profit organisation, WFAANZ is dedicated to improving the standard of product and installation of window film in New Zealand. The association sets out strict performance guidelines for its members, so you can rely on a WFAANZ installer.

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