

# Newman School

When this South American school designed its new science laboratories, specifying flooring that balanced practical and creative qualities appeared challenging. Thankfully, Polyflor prevailed in meeting such multifaceted demands, producing results to stand the test of time.

**Location:** Cajicá, Colombia

**Products:** Palettone PUR

**Sector:** Education

Founded in 1991, Newman School in Cajicá, Colombia, offers bilingual education (in English and Spanish) to young children.

Now well-established, it is undergoing a long-term campus renovation that will modernise all learning environments and conclude by 2028.

For the most recent upgrade, an existing building was transformed into state-of-the-art science laboratories.

Newman School sought a modern, warm, technologically driven appearance, with the laboratory flooring also needing to meet the same design specification.

Furthermore, from a functional standpoint, the specified flooring products had to provide key attributes:

- Heavy-duty homogeneous sheet vinyl flooring to withstand heavy laboratory footfall
- An impervious and hygienic seamless finish offering no sanctuary to dirt and bacteria

- PUR for easier cleanability and maintenance cost savings
- Excellent resistance to chemicals and staining

To achieve their desired outcome, the school management team commissioned design services from CR+A, based in Bucaramanga, north of Cajicá, and led by Andrés Cruz, Architect and Partner.

Cruz concluded that Palettone PUR from Polyflor met all requirements, making it the ideal flooring specification for this youthful educational project.

As such, the laboratories were fitted with approximately 350m<sup>2</sup> of flooring across five colourful shades within the collection:

- Dove Tail (8607)
- Urban Air (8605)
- Orchard Walk (8616)
- Pennyroyal Mint (8652)
- Painter's Dream (8612)





CR+A enjoyed specifying the Newman School project, on which they utilised Polyflor products for the first time.

Cruz and his Design Team commended Palettone PUR for offering many additional benefits beyond the design brief: robust technical performance, proven durability, and simple installation.

Additionally, its versatile, well-curated colour palette permitted CR+A to combine numerous shades seamlessly, reinforcing the design concept.

“We selected Polyflor based on a recommendation from our national supplier, furthered by their strong reputation in the flooring market and technical product specifications that aligned perfectly with our project requirements,” commented Cruz.

Since its completion, Newman School students have enjoyed enhanced science classes within vibrant new surroundings that pave the way for this ambitious educational institute.



“ We are very satisfied with the result. The quality of the Polyflor flooring finishes, its integration with the original design concept, and the overall design aesthetic achieved exceeded our expectations.

Palettone PUR has performed exceptionally well under intensive use, demonstrating strong durability and stability.

Andrés Cruz, Architect and Partner, CR+A

