

IT Bureau consultant takes out design award

Laminex New Zealand is proud to announce that our very own IT Bureau consultant, Carlos Gabucan, is the 2017 winner of the National Kitchen and Bathroom Association (NKBA) Student Design Competition.

Asked to submit a scaled floor plan and elevations and working drawings to meet a provided brief, entrants were judged on their application of NKBA design principles, the standard of their drawings, material and colour specification and their creativity. The brief was for a family kitchen in the \$60-80k bracket, an entertainer's space with dining area and scullery.



Carlos' design featured a benchtop and island in Caesarstone Jet Black with contrasting table top in Laminex Solid Surface Chalk. Laminex high pressure laminate in Chalky Teak was used for the cabinetry, with a splashback in Laminam Oxide Perla. As the winner of the competition Carlos was awarded \$2000 package

including conference registration and accommodation as well as a educational scholarship that he will put towards his National Certificate in Kitchen Design – Level 4.

Carlos sees this qualification as a great resource in his role as a consultant for kitchen and bathroom design software 2020, "it is essential for me to understand clients' requirements" and credits the support of the Laminex New Zealand Specification team, and the mentorship of his manager, Percival Afeaki, for his success.

The NKBA awards for 2017 were held Friday 11 August at Dalton House in Sydney, Australia. A full list of winners should be available soon at nkba.org.nz

