

National Education Growth Plan (NEGP)

The National Education Growth Plan (NEGP) is a new way of thinking about and co-ordinating the Ministry of Education's response to population growth across New Zealand.

The NEGP incorporates the catchment plans for...

Canterbury



►► Population growth is placing pressure on our school network in specific areas of the country. These high growth areas are all unique and are experiencing growth in different ways.

►► A new approach is needed to ensure that the educational needs are met for every child in New Zealand.

Key facts

Growth in Canterbury has been influenced mainly by:



Post-quake relocations



Residential developments



Rural population growth

Lincoln	Rolleston	Halswell	Ashburton
<p>Located in the Selwyn district, one of the fastest growing districts in New Zealand.</p> <p>To address student population growth in this catchment, we opened Ararira Springs Primary School in 2019. We have also added classrooms to five primary schools.</p>	<p>Rolleston has experienced rapid post-quake growth, and is one of the fastest growing areas in the country.</p> <p>Since 2010, we have established four new primary schools and a secondary school. We have recently acquired a site for a future primary school, and the expansion of Lemonwood Grove School is now confirmed. Roll growth classrooms have been added to existing schools to keep up with demand.</p>	<p>Southwest Christchurch has experienced rapid post-quake growth, which we expect to continue.</p> <p>Knights Stream Primary School opened in 2019 as a response to increased demand. We also own a site for future primary provision, and anticipate further investment at the secondary level to increase capacity.</p>	<p>One of the country's fastest growing rural districts. We anticipate continuing steady growth in this area.</p> <p>We have already announced a \$50 million plan to redevelop Ashburton College, as well as investment at Ashburton Intermediate and Allenton School. We are working with schools to monitor roll growth and determine the need and timing of additional provision at both primary and secondary level.</p>



► Investment

Long term investment is required to deliver the NEGP, including in Canterbury.



► Planning

The Ministry will continue to engage with the education sector, to understand their ideas for managing the growth in their local schooling networks in the next decade.

Our plans are aligned with and enhanced through partnering with Councils and other government agencies.

We will continue to work directly with school communities as population projections are dynamic and subject to change over time.



► Solutions

Catchment plans present strategic solutions for managing education demand across New Zealand. Detailed response planning for each catchment will follow.

We will continue to work with schools to implement enrolment schemes, apply schooling level changes, add in additional capacity and consider network structure as required across the Canterbury region.

For areas outside of the NEGP that are growing, such as the Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast region, we are providing roll growth classrooms to address increased demand.