

Director's message:



In recent years, there has been population growth within Havelock North and surrounding areas with further urban development planned. We know we need a longer-term view to assess what the likely effects of future growth may be.

Accordingly, a review of educational pathways for all learners in the Havelock North catchment is underway and we eagerly await the outcomes of this review. In developing this strategy, we have undertaken numerous engagement sessions with both the community and individual schools. This has given our community the chance to learn more about local education offering, as well as an opportunity to share their ideas on what the future of schooling could look like.

I am enthusiastic about the options being explored for the Havelock North catchment. We want to ensure that all students are able to attend a reasonably convenient school and all schools in the area are used effectively to support the wellbeing of children and local communities. This plan shows how we aim to achieve these goals.

Ngā mihi,

Roy Sye

Havelock North's growth story

The 2017 Heretaunga Plains Urban Development Strategy (HPUDS) forecasts an additional 1,065 greenfields dwellings will be required by 2045 in the Havelock North catchment area. There are two other areas identified as "reserve"¹ areas in the strategy, which could yield a further 570 new dwellings.

The majority of this growth is anticipated to be in the western and the north-eastern areas of Havelock North. The schools most likely to be affected by these growth areas are Te Mata School, Lucknow School, Havelock North Intermediate and Havelock North High School. Further growth is predicted within the current urban limits through intensification and infill housing, which is expected to account for 40% of the additional households in the HPUDS study area.

In a bid to address population and household growth in Havelock North and to recognise the acute shortage of residential sites, Council re-zoned the land for the Iona urban growth area (approximately 390–400 new dwellings) using the streamlined planning direction, which was approved by the Environment Minister in September 2018. Council has also initiated the structure planning process for the Brookvale Road/Romanes Drive in the north-east to allow for further urban development in the medium-term. This could yield an additional 675 dwellings.

Not only have we seen growth within the Havelock North catchment over the past five years, but the proportion of out-of-zone students for some of the schools has also increased. This has created additional pressure on schools due to growth within the home zone.

What have we done so far?

- Five of the eight state schools within the Havelock North catchment have enrolment schemes in place. We are working with one school to develop an enrolment scheme to assist the school with managing the current overcrowding issue.
- We have approved a change of class for Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu and allocated funding to relocate the wharekura to a larger site, which will allow for future growth. The Y1-13 wharekura is expected to be open on their new site in 2021.
- Approximately \$5 million has been allocated for nine additional teaching spaces across the catchment.
- We have initiated a review looking at the long-term plan for schooling in Havelock North and surrounding areas. The review considers the medium and long-term population growth and whether our existing schools can accommodate this growth. The outcome of this review will be a Havelock North Area Strategy, expected to be completed in 2019.

Planning for short-term growth (3 years)

- Our approach for managing both short and long-term growth within the Havelock North catchment will be developed through the Area Strategy process, which is currently underway.
- In addition to the development of an Area Strategy, we will ensure that those schools with enrolment schemes in place are managing them effectively and actively working to reduce their out-of-zone rolls. This may include formal support for boards that experience difficulty in achieving this.
- We will assist schools to implement enrolment schemes where necessary to help manage overcrowding issues.
- We will review enrolment scheme boundaries for Havelock North primary schools and re-align these where necessary to help effectively manage the current schooling network.
- There may be a need for additional property provision within the intermediate and secondary network, however this is dependent on the effectiveness of the enrolment schemes in managing growth.

Planning for medium-term growth (3-10 years)

Beyond 2023, the primary-aged population is anticipated to remain static or decline, and the secondary-aged population is anticipated to peak in the late 2020s and then plateau². Population projections to the late 2020s show growth of approximately 125-150 secondary students and a decline of 30-70 primary students.

Beyond 2030

Growth beyond 2030 looks likely to be at a slower pace. We will continue to monitor school rolls and the update of development in the area. We anticipate that strengthening the surrounding schooling networks will provide greater choice for students and ensure they have access to a reasonably convenient school.

Māori medium

Māori students living within the Havelock North area represent 20% of the student population³. Only 3% of students from this catchment access Māori medium education (MME) Levels 1 or 2. Education in the Māori medium is accessible through two composite kura and two full primary schools in the surrounding Hastings area. These schools have 511 taura enrolled in te reo immersion⁴.

There are four kōhanga reo within the wider Havelock North catchment. Beyond this, the pathways for MME are limited and we have a growing Māori population. Both of the existing composite kura are at or near capacity so further property provision may be required in the future. Pathway options for Māori students are currently being explored through the development of the Havelock North Area Strategy, which may include the delivery of te reo Māori through the existing schooling network.

Learning Support

Historical data shows an increasing trend in the demand for learning support services, with a 29% increase between 2013 - 2017 in ORS students in Hastings District.

Within the Havelock North catchment, students have access to Kowhai Special School located in nearby Hastings, or they can choose to attend one of the local mainstream schools. Havelock North High School also operates its own independent learning support space on site.

In the nearby Flaxmere catchment, funding has been allocated to the construction of a new junior double satellite unit for Kowhai Special School, as well as a double satellite unit for the senior students. Work is also proposed to improve the learning support unit at Havelock North High School so it is fit for purpose.

Most of the primary schools within the catchment are largely accessible for learning support staff and students. Minor property modifications may be required at the intermediate and high school in future to make them more accessible for students.

¹ A 'reserve' growth area will act as replacement if any greenfield area becomes unavailable, or if rapid and significant growth occurs..

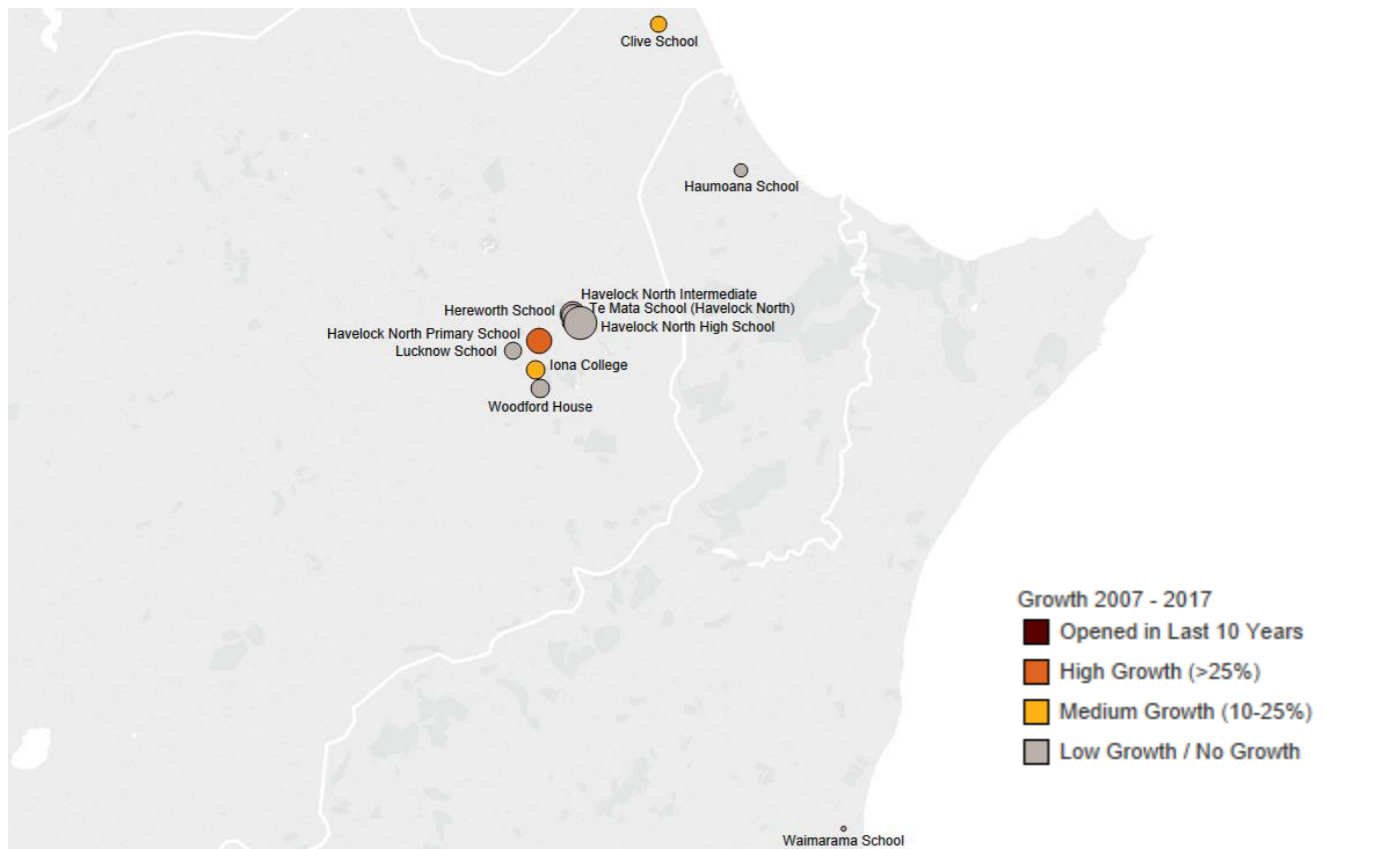
² 'Hastings/Havelock North Area-Long Term School-Age Population Growth Projections 2018-2038', Economic Solutions Ltd (February 2018)

³ March 2017 roll data.

⁴ July 2017 roll data.

Havelock North: Steady Growing

New Zealand Education Growth Plan to 2030



This growth plan covers the Havelock North area in the Hawke's Bay / Tairāwhiti education region. In the Havelock North catchment, there are 11 schools including: 8 state, 2 state integrated, and a private school; 6 contributing primary schools, a full primary, a intermediate, and 3 secondary schools. As at July 2018, this catchment had a combined **school roll of 4,153 students**, including 30 ORS students. There are no students enrolled in Māori Medium education at these schools.

What's influencing the Growth Plan

Housing developments



Urban development planned for the catchment, with potentially in excess of 1,000 new homes planned, and the possibility of a further approximately 600 sites within the catchment.

Increase in demand for learning support services



There was a 29% increase between 2013 - 2017 in ORS students in Hastings District. Students in the catchment can choose to attend one of the local mainstream schools or access Kowhai Special School located in the Hastings catchment.

Enrolment Zone management



Improving the management of enrolment schemes to make the best use of the existing investment in the schooling network.

Here's what's already underway that's giving us a head start to meet growth in the region



By the start of the 2020 school year, all state schools in Havelock North will be operating an enrolment scheme.



Completed the construction of nine new classrooms in the primary schooling network in the last 12 months.



Currently engaging with the community and the sector on the development of an Area Strategy for the wider Havelock North catchment to determine what responses are required to anticipated growth scenarios.

Growth Plan to 2030

2019

2022

2030

Planning → Consultation → Implementation



Additional provision of student spaces in the intermediate and secondary network may be required – timing and quantum to be determined.



Enrolment zones

- » Explore implementing and changes to enrolment schemes with schools where necessary to manage roll growth.
- » Monitor intake of out-of-zone enrolments at schools to ensure they are able to respond to planned in zone growth.
- » Monitor roll growth at Haumoana School.



Network solutions

- » Provision of additional teaching space at the intermediate and high school when required.
- » Additional property provision may be required at Clive School if significant urban development occurs.



Roll growth funding

- » The timing and nature of any additional provision of student spaces in the intermediate and secondary network will be determined as monitoring requires, and once the effectiveness of enrolment schemes has been assessed.



Establish New Schools

- » Current demographic information suggests a new school is not required. Will review once Census 2018 data available.



Expanding Provision Type

- » Funding has been approved for a new double unit for Kowhai Special School to accommodate growth in senior roll.
- » Property modifications for mainstream schools will be considered on a case by case basis to ensure they are accessible for all learners.
- » Havelock North High School has identified the refurbishment of its learning support unit in its 10YPP and is proposed to be completed by the beginning of the 2021 school year.
- » There is no schooling provision for Māori Medium education in this catchment. The Māori population in the area is growing.
- » Part of the Havelock North Area Strategy is to consider the pathway options for Māori students.