

# Ormiston Mission Heights: Blueprint for Growth

## New Zealand Education Growth Plan to 2030

### Auckland Education Growth Plan engagement

Over the last several years, we have been discussing growth scenarios with schools in Ormiston, including Ormiston and Mission Heights Primary Schools. Schools have a vision for how learning will be delivered in the future. There is acknowledgement from schools that they will need to increase in size to accommodate growth.

We will continue engaging with the Ormiston Mission Heights community to further inform our long-term plans for education provision in this catchment.

### Ormiston Mission Heights' growth story

Ormiston and Mission Heights are part of the wider Flat Bush urban area. Flat Bush is the country's largest and most comprehensively planned new town, which is expected to be home to at least 36,000 people by 2025<sup>1</sup>.

The Ormiston town centre is currently being developed by Panuku Development Auckland and Todd Property. It will realise the master plan combining retail and commercial, open space, high density residential development and community facilities. Completion of the entire Ormiston development is expected between 2019 and 2022<sup>1</sup>. There are big economic benefits flowing from the Ormiston town centre development; in both construction and the jobs that will be created through the new retail and commercial spaces.

The Ormiston Mission Heights catchment has experienced rapid growth over the last five years. As growth has occurred in this catchment, several new schools have been established to accommodate additional students in this part of South Auckland including Ormiston Primary in 2015. Further market-led growth is expected in this catchment that will see these schools fill up over time.

Both migrants and NZ-born students drive a need for ESOL services, with 3% (888) of Auckland ESOL students located within this catchment area.

### What have we done so far?

- Every state school in this catchment has an enrolment scheme in place. Sancta Maria Primary and College operate within maximum rolls.
- Since 2015, we have established three new schools in this catchment, including Ormiston Primary, Junior and Senior Colleges, to accommodate growth from market-led development. These are filling up fast as families move into the new homes.

### Planning for short-term growth (3 years)

If growth projections materialise as expected, by 2021 we expect we'll need to accommodate an additional 1,332 children in our local schools<sup>2</sup>. We plan to meet this demand through a variety of responses.

We're planning now to accommodate growth in the short-term, including:

- A new primary school, Te Uho o Te Nikau, opened in 2019 with a planned capacity for 700 students.
- Working with schools to develop master plans for each school site as some of the older sites are limited in their opportunities for expansion.
- Based on the number of available places we currently have in the catchment, by 2021 we anticipate we will need to provide an additional 284 primary and 194 secondary student places to accommodate expected growth<sup>2</sup>.

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

We expect an additional 1,310 school-aged students will need to be accommodated in this catchment by 2030<sup>2</sup>. We already have plans underway to manage growth. We anticipate opening a new primary school in Flat Bush in 2030.

Based on the number of available places we currently have in the catchment, and in order to accommodate the additional forecast 1,310 students, we anticipate we will need to provide an additional 309 primary and 328 secondary student places across the catchment by 2030<sup>2</sup>.

### Beyond 2030

We will continue to monitor the rate of development uptake and the impact of this growth on school rolls. This will inform our decision-making about the timing for establishing an additional primary school in the southwest. At this stage, we estimate that the new school may be required in 2030.

### Māori medium

There is currently no provision of Māori medium in this area.

The Ormiston area has been and continues to be subject to rapid housing developments. There is also some residential growth in Beachlands and Clevedon. Ngāti Paoa and Ngai Tai ki Tamaki have indicated an interest in providing Māori medium education in this catchment. We anticipate potential demand for approximately 100 kōhangā and 200 kura student places in this catchment.

### Learning Support

The southern arm of the Kelston Deaf Education Centre (KDEC) network is based on the Ormiston Campus. Satellite unit provision at Ormiston Primary, Ormiston Junior High and Ormiston Senior College provides a schooling pathway for deaf and hard of hearing students. The Anton Centre is the KDEC hub for outreach teachers providing services to deaf and hard of hearing children from Mt Wellington to Pukekohe. Blind and Low Vision Education Network NZ also provides outreach teacher services in the Ormiston Mission Heights area.

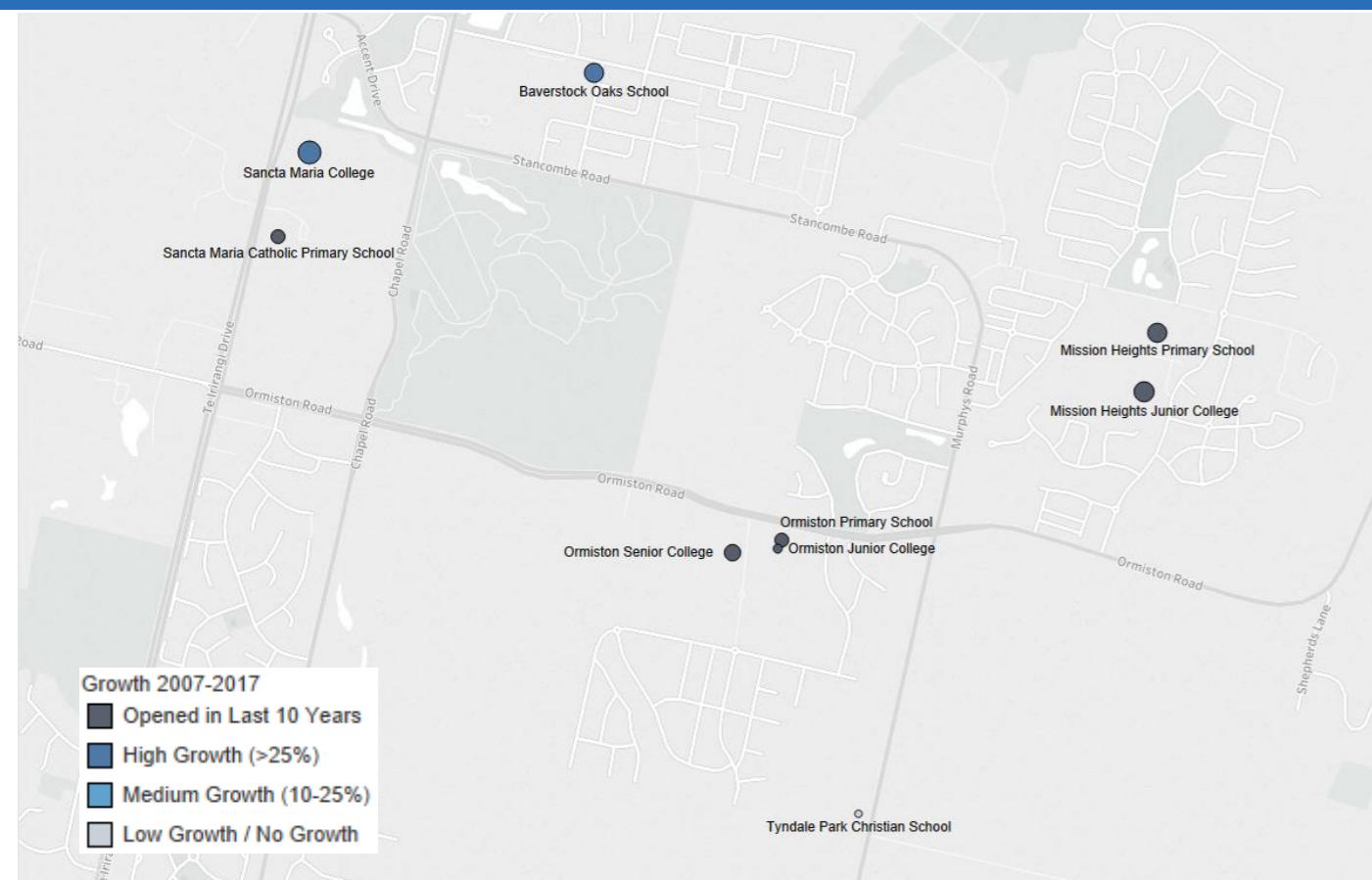
The catchment for Mt Richmond Special School currently includes Flat Bush. A satellite unit for Mt Richmond Special School is integrated into the build of Te Uho te Nikau School, which opened in 2019.

A new special school hub is also proposed for the proposed new primary school in the southwest of the catchment. This would address a need to equitably balance the catchments of three large special schools that border the Flat Bush area (being Sommerville Special School, Rosehill Special School and Mt Richmond Special School).

<sup>1</sup> Panuku Development Auckland  
<sup>2</sup> Dev\_NZ Catchment Planning Model (High Projections)

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The [Ormiston Mission Heights Catchment Plan](#) will meet the needs of New Zealand's growing schooling network, benefiting approximately 4,800-6,000 students over the next decade to 2030.

### What's influencing the Growth Plan

Ormiston Flat Bush is a priority growth area because of the large scale market-led growth occurring here, and the opportunity to add housing choices and improve social outcomes for local people.

**Additional learners moving into the area**  
 Families are moving here to access housing and be close to major employment areas, and this is adding to roll pressure on local schools

**Roll growth funding**  
 Additional stages to new builds are expected to be required.

**Availability of appropriate land sites**  
 May need to acquire land for new schools in the future.

### Catchment Summary

	Primary	Secondary
July 2018 Roll	2,010	1,639
No. of additional students forecast to 2030	812	1,830
Additional places required to meet demand to 2021	284	194
No of schools requiring additional spaces by 2030	2	1

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

 New primary school, Te Uhu o Te Nikau, opened in 2019. New Special School hub on the Flat Bush South West site

 Enrolment schemes are in place in all state schools in this catchment.

 Some constraints on sites as school sizes increase, particularly for existing schools with older infrastructure.

### Growth Plan to 2030

