

### Director's message:



Tauranga City is one of the fastest growing urban areas in the country. This is an exciting time for everyone who has a part to play in planning for this growth.

We are proud of the strong Kāhui Ako we have in the Otumoetai area and the leadership they are showing, especially in delivering learning support. Our Otumoetai community tells us that high quality learning environments, local options for schooling, and strong community ties are all important to them.

We are also proud to partner with local Councils, NZTA and the DHB to develop livable communities. We are collaborating with our partners to ensure new and existing communities are focused on improving wellbeing for everyone within them.

I am very pleased to present the following plan for growth for Otumoetai out to 2030. This growth plan complements the other local growth plans for Tauranga and Papamoa. We're committed to ensuring that the educational needs of every child in New Zealand are met, and this plan shows how we will do that.

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Ezra Schuster

### Otumoetai's growth story

The Otumoetai catchment is characterised by the older established suburbs of western Tauranga, new development in the Bethlehem area that is now almost complete, and the northern corridor that extends beyond the City boundary towards Omokoroa.

Local schools in established areas have been under increasing pressure as the demographics of these neighbourhoods change to include more families with school-age children.

Council is planning for new development in Omokoroa to accommodate a quadrupling of the population to 10,000 by 2043<sup>1</sup>.

The remainder of the catchment is expected to increase from 36,000 in 2018 to 57,000 by 2043. We know that there will be an increasingly ageing population, however the number of young people will grow, including Māori.

The Otumoetai network is nearly at capacity. Both the primary and secondary networks are expected to experience increased pressure in 2019 and growth is expected to continue. Pressure on the secondary network will continue to mount as primary students move into secondary.

Most urban schools are on small sites with limited opportunities for expansion. This challenge underpins our strategic plan for the Otumoetai catchment.

### What have we done so far?

- Enrolment schemes are in place at all of the schools in this catchment, apart from the kura and two primary schools. We are exploring enrolment schemes with schools as a tool to manage growth.
- Te Wharekura o Mauao (Y7-13) opened in 2012, with Stage 2 in 2015.
- We have approved an increase of 120 students in the maximum roll at Bethlehem College in 2018 to cater for students from Rotorua.
- Allocated roll growth funding for 15 classrooms at primary level.
- Funded \$47 million to redevelop Otumoetai College.

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

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

- Planning for an additional 520 student places by 2021;
- Assessing a vacant Ministry site to assess suitability for schooling, and the potential relocation (and expansion) of a nearby school onto this site;
- Acquiring sites for a primary and secondary site in Omokoroa to ensure that we have land available in the future should additional provision be required. The timing of any new school will be informed by ongoing monitoring of rolls and capacity, and a review of existing enrolment scheme boundaries.
- Considering an opportunity to support Māori medium pathways by providing specialist technology space at the wharekura.
- Working with schools to consider a master planning capacity to which each school can be re-developed.

By 2021, we anticipate capacity will need to be increased to accommodate an additional 120-290 students across the network<sup>2</sup>. Monitoring school rolls and utilisation are crucial tools we are using to trigger responses to this growth.

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

- We are planning now to accommodate a further 330-1,000 students by 2030<sup>3</sup>. By implementing the responses we are working on now, and timely delivery of new capacity where it is needed, we expect that we can accommodate this growth adequately. New schools in Omokoroa are anticipated to be required towards the latter part of the decade, which will accommodate anticipated growth on the Omokoroa peninsula.

- We will continue to collaborate with our liveable communities partners to understand the uptake of future residential growth in the Otumoetai catchment.
- We will also explore the opportunity for a comprehensive review of enrolment scheme boundaries prior to opening the relocated school, to ensure efficient utilisation of existing infrastructure.

### Beyond 2030

Beyond 2030, growth in the school-age population of Otumoetai will continue but at a slower rate. We expect there will be a need for additional capacity at existing primary and secondary schools within the catchment. The timing and location of this additional capacity will be informed by ongoing monitoring and the master planning currently underway.

### Māori medium

In the Otumoetai catchment, there are six kōhanga reo, one full primary kura, and one wharekura. As at July 2017, the kura had a combined immersion roll of 229 taura, while there are also 154 taura enrolled in Māori medium at the three rumaki classes in local contributing schools. About 58 taura from within the Otumoetai catchment also travel outside the catchment to attend Māori immersion education. The Otumoetai catchment provides a clear pathway for taura from rumaki to Te Wharekura o Mauao.

While there is no formal Māori medium network strategy in place, we plan to develop a Tauranga-wide Māori medium strategy to establish the demand and preference for delivering education in the Māori medium.

Ngāi Te Rangi and Ngāti Ranginui have been engaging with the Kāhui Ako over the past decade. They have developed learning hubs and mentoring programmes for rangatahi in both literacy and numeracy. They also have a successful track record of assisting Māori students to achieve NCEA L2 and beyond. These two iwi work across Tauranga Moana as a collective, which also includes Ngāti Pukenga.

### Learning Support

The Otumoetai Kāhui Ako is leading the way in delivering positive learning support outcomes. A strong collaborative ethic within the Kāhui Ako has enabled better facilitation and sharing of data, identification of trends and management responses, practice changes, and the development of a register that captures one plan for each child through their education pathway.

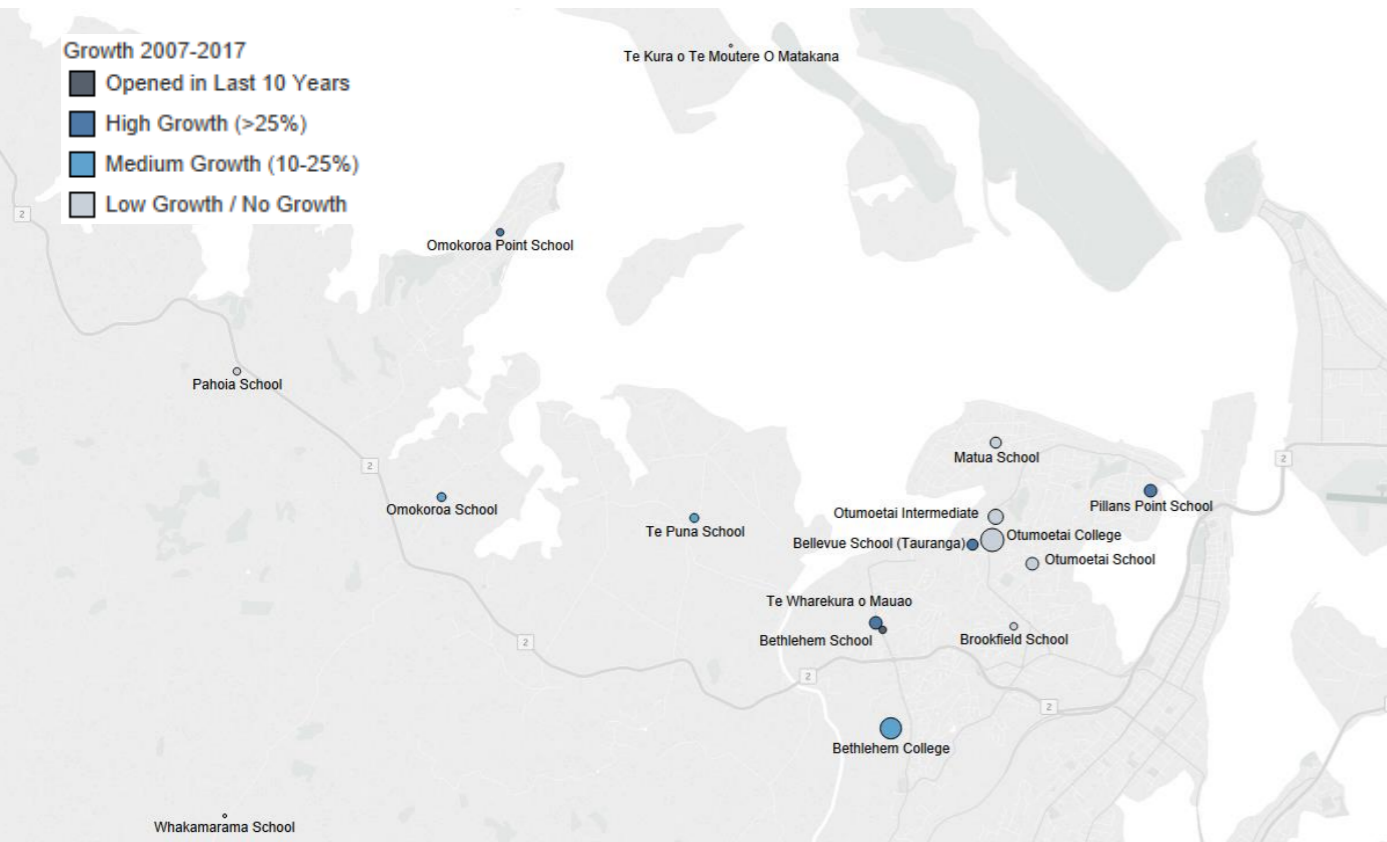
Brookfield Primary is the only school in the catchment that hosts a satellite unit of Tauranga Special School. There are school-managed learning support spaces at several schools, and any new schools will be built with provision for learning support space. The Board will then decide whether this will be a satellite or Board-managed space.

<sup>1</sup> Tauranga City Population and household projection review 2017, NIDEA

<sup>2,3</sup> SNZ Population Projections 2017 release, v2, 5-17yr olds (High and Medium scenarios)

**Growth 2007-2017**

- Opened in Last 10 Years
- High Growth (>25%)
- Medium Growth (10-25%)
- Low Growth / No Growth



This growth plan covers the Otumoetai and Omokoroa area of Tauranga City in the Bay of Plenty - Wairiki education region. In the Otumoetai catchment there are 16 schools including: 15 state schools and a state integrated school; 7 contributing, 5 full primary, an intermediate, a composite, and 2 secondary schools. As at July 2018, this catchment had a combined **school roll of 8,363 students**, including 409 Māori Medium students and 56 ORS students.

### What's influencing the Growth Plan

#### Demographic changes



» Local schools in established areas have been under increasing pressure as the demographics of these neighbourhoods change to include more families with school-age children.

#### Current network will reach full capacity



» The Otumoetai network is under pressure from roll growth. Both the primary and secondary networks are expected to reach capacity in 2019 and growth is expected to continue. Pressure on the secondary network will continue to mount as primary students move into secondary.

#### Existing site constraints



» Most urban schools are on small sites with limited opportunities for expansion. This challenge underpins our strategic plan for this catchment.

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



» Enrolment schemes are in place at all of the schools in this catchment, apart from the kura and two primary schools. We are exploring enrolment schemes with schools.



» Te Wharekura o Mauao (Y7-13) opened in 2012, with Stage 2 in 2015.



» Funded \$47 million to redevelop Otumoetai College.

### Growth Plan to 2030

2019

2022

2030



375 student places



175 student places



Potential relocation/expansion of primary school



Potential new primary school (Omokoroa) Stage 1  
500 student places



Potential new secondary school (Omokoroa),  
1,000 student places



Acquisition of land in Omokoroa



120-290 additional students in catchment



Further 330-1,000 students in catchment



**Enrolment zones**

» Enrolment schemes are in place at all of the schools in this catchment, apart from the kura and two primary schools. We are exploring enrolment schemes or amendments with schools.

» We will also explore the opportunity for a comprehensive review of enrolment scheme boundaries prior to opening the relocated school, to ensure efficient utilisation of existing infrastructure.



**Network solutions**

» Collaborate with Tauranga City and our liveable communities partners to understand the uptake of future residential growth and provide a proactive response to growth

» Assessing a vacant Ministry site to assess suitability for schooling, and the potential relocation (and expansion) of an existing school onto the site.



**Roll growth funding**

» Most urban schools are on small sites with limited opportunities for expansion. This challenge underpins our strategic plan for this catchment.

» Fifteen roll growth classrooms have recently been funded. We are planning now to accommodate the increase in population through additional teaching space provision.



**Establish New Schools**

» Acquiring land in Omokoroa to ensure that we have land available in the future should additional provision be required.

» The timing of any new school will be informed by ongoing monitoring of rolls and capacity, and a review of existing enrolment scheme boundaries.



**Expanding Provision Type**

» Considering an opportunity to support Māori medium pathways by providing specialist technology space at Te Wharekura o Mauao.

» While there is no formal Māori Medium network strategy in place, we plan to develop a Tauranga-wide Māori Medium strategy to establish the demand and preference for delivering education in the Māori medium.

» Any new schools will be built with provision for learning support space. The Board will then decide whether this will be a satellite or Board-managed space.