

### Director's message:



Rolleston's growth over the past 10 years has been rapid. There has been a huge increase in population and we have initiated major construction projects at the schools, refurbished existing classrooms and worked extensively with the Selwyn District Council to improve education provision in the area. This growth is set to continue with major economic drivers providing secure employment opportunities in the town.

In our 20-year plan for Rolleston, we have already been future-proofing the town's education needs through additions to the Rolleston school landscape with West Rolleston Primary, Lemonwood Grove Primary, Rolleston College and the relocation of Waitaha School.

We are pleased to have a collaborative and co-operative Kāhui Ako to work with us as we continue to meet the challenges that Rolleston's rapid growth presents us with.

Ngā mihi

Coralanne Child

### Rolleston's growth story

Rolleston has been experiencing rapid growth since 2010, heavily influenced by a post-quake need for housing. Engagement with schools and the community post-earthquake confirmed the desired educational pathway as Y1-8 full primary schools and Y9-15 secondary schooling.

The Selwyn district is part of the greater Christchurch High Growth Urban Area, with the district expected to increase in population from 58,000 in 2018 to 81,000 in 2030<sup>1</sup>. Council projections estimate Rolleston will grow to a population of 22,000 by 2021 and 27,000 by 2030<sup>2</sup>. Based on 2013 census information, the town has a young demographic, with a higher proportion of the population under the age of 15 years (27%), and fewer people over the age of 65 years (7%).

As new development occurs, both Lemonwood Grove and Clearview Primary are expected to exceed capacity by 2021. District planning data shows that demand from within the home zones for these schools will exceed their master planned capacity. Rolleston College (the only secondary school in the catchment) is anticipated to reach its master planned capacity by 2027/28.

### What have we done so far?

Since 2010, we have been implementing our strategic spatial plan. We have established four full primary schools, one of which is an integrated school. Additional classrooms have been added to West Melton School, however there is limited capacity at this site to accommodate any further significant growth in the West Melton population.

- Temporary capacity was added to Clearview Primary and Rolleston School to accommodate growth until Rolleston West School and Lemonwood Grove School were opened (2016 and 2017 respectively).
- At the secondary level, Rolleston College was opened in 2017 with an initial capacity of 1,100 students. The College has been master-planned for 1,800 student places.
- All schools have enrolment schemes in place, except for Burnham School which largely services the NZDF community at Burnham Military Camp. As new schools are established, these schemes are amended as required.

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

Our own projections show that demand for primary schooling in Rolleston could reach 2,700 student places by 2021, and demand for secondary schooling could approach 1,300 student places.

- Additional capacity is being planned for Lemonwood Grove School in the southwest as local development progresses. Further stages will add an additional 350 student places at the school.
- Site acquisition is underway for a new primary school in the south-east of the township and will be completed in 2019. Planning is underway for an initial capacity of 400 student places and master planned for 750 student places. This school is planned to open in 2021/22 and will complete the spatial plan for primary school provision across Rolleston.
- We are planning for additional secondary capacity at Rolleston College to provide an additional 700 student places, up to the master planned capacity of 1,800.
- We are engaging with our school community on the future direction for meeting schooling demand in Rolleston, including the triggers for when we will respond to growth. As part of this engagement, we are working with schools to develop a plan for a network response to growth.
- There is an identified need for a dedicated Y7-8 technology facility within the local community.
- We will continue to work with Selwyn District Council as we consider future schooling options, and monitor the progression of development in Rolleston.

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

In the medium term, we anticipate an additional 700-1,000 primary-aged and 600-820 secondary-aged students will require access to a local state school in the Rolleston catchment by 2030. We're planning now to accommodate this growth.

- Further additional secondary provision is expected to be required in the next 6-8 years, and we are currently investigating sites through the acquisition process.
- We will continue to monitor school rolls and capacity to inform decision-making around the required opening for future schooling.

### Beyond 2030

Beyond 2030, the population growth in Rolleston is expected to continue, but at a slower rate. Council data projects the population to grow from 27,000 in 2030 to 33,000 in 2043. The additional secondary provision being planned now is anticipated to provide adequate capacity to accommodate long-term growth. However, additional capacity at the primary level is likely if greenfield areas ear-marked for future development are re-zoned by Council. We will continue to respond to changes in land use driven by changes to district planning processes.

### Māori medium

In the 2013 Census, about 7% of the population in Selwyn district identified as Māori. There are no kōhanga reo in the Selwyn district and virtually no pathway for Māori seeking education in te reo. Burnham School offers Level 2 Māori medium education, with a July 2017 roll of 30 taurira. Te Taumutu Rūnunga is actively involved in the leadership and stewardship groups of the Kāhui Ako. This is intended to support and influence the Kāhui Ako focus on Māori student achievement, supporting schools to provide access to te reo. The application of the Tau Mai Te Reo strategy in this catchment remains a priority, to support the current efforts of Te Rūnunga o Taumotu, Kāhui Ako and to realise a pathway for Māori seeking education as Māori within the catchment. The Kōhanga Reo Trust is working towards re-establishing the kōhanga reo at Burnham (in Burnham Military Camp), which closed around 2008. This is at the request of whānau from the Rolleston region as there is no other kaupapa provision in the district.

### Learning Support

There has been considerable pressure on day special schools in the southwest area of Christchurch. Roll growth has been driven by an increase in population in the area, including Rolleston. We expect the current number of special school enrolments will stabilise through uptake of the inclusive learning model and as special schools work collaboratively within Kāhui Ako to support learning pathways across their satellite network and across partner and local schools.

Waitaha School is a special day school that has been relocated to a purpose built facility. This is now co-located with Lemonwood Grove School, a full primary school, and the base facility has capacity for 50 learners. Waitaha School also has a primary school satellite at West Rolleston School and a secondary satellite at Rolleston College. Each of the new satellites provides capacity for 16 learners.

<sup>1</sup> National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity, an instrument issued under Section 52(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991

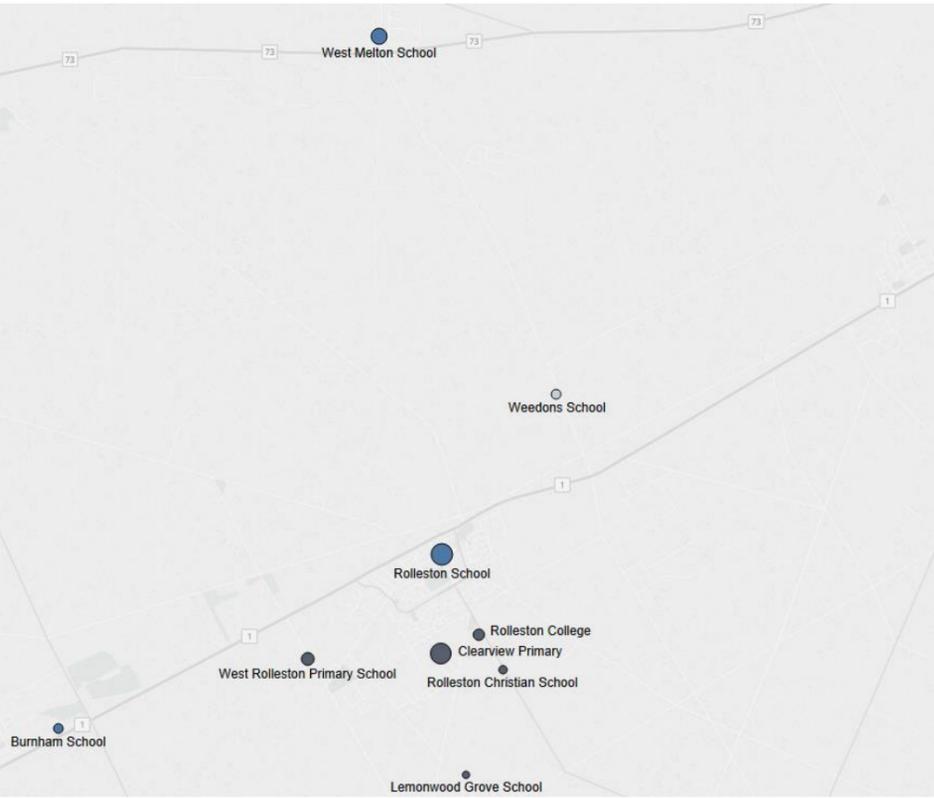
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# Rolleston: Blueprint for Growth

New Zealand Education Growth Plan to 2030

**Growth 2007-2017**

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



Rolleston, in the Selwyn district, is one of the fastest growing areas in New Zealand. The Rolleston catchment is made up of 7 state full primary schools, a state Y9-15 secondary school, and a state integrated full primary school. As at July 2018, this catchment had a combined **school roll of 3,491 students**, including 30 Māori Medium students and 19 ORS students.

## What's influencing the Growth Plan

### Rapid growth leading to limited land sites

If we do not respond early and future proof for growth, there will be limited sites suitable for future schools.

### Current network will reach full capacity

As new greenfield development occurs Lemonwood Grove and Clearview Primary will reach capacity by 2021 and the secondary network by 2027/28.

### Uncertainty about rate of residential development

High risk that residential development may occur at a faster rate than projected requiring us to be flexible in the timing of our responses.

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

Enrolment schemes have been implemented at all of the state schools. Each enrolment scheme home zone takes account of the long term spatial plan for primary schooling across the Rolleston Township. Amendments have been made as new schools have opened.

District planning data shows that demand from within Lemonwood Grove School and Clearview Primary will exceed the master planned capacity of these schools. Acquisition of a site in Rolleston East will be completed in mid-2019.

Temporary capacity was provided to Clearview Primary and Rolleston School to accommodate growth until Rolleston West School and Lemonwood Grove Schools were opened (2016 and 2017 respectively).

A new non-denominational Christian school was integrated in 2015 to meet growing demand from the local community for access to this special character provision.

## Growth Plan to 2030

2019

2022

2030

Stage 2 Lemonwood Grove  
350 student places

Stage 2 Rolleston College  
700 student places

Potential new primary school (Rolleston East)  
400 student places

Stage 2 Rolleston East primary  
350 student places

Potential new secondary school  
900 student places

Acquire land for a future secondary school

Year 7-8 technology facility for 720 students



**Enrolment zones**

» We will explore adjustments to enrolment scheme home zones over time, as development continues and enrolment patterns are better understood. This will align demand and capacity for each school home zone.



**Network solutions**

» Engagement with schools and community post-earthquake confirmed the educational pathway as Y1-8 full primary schools and Y9-15 secondary schooling.

» Y7-8 students travel to schools outside the township for technology provision. Local provision is being established to support the Kāhui Ako.



**Expanding Provision Type**

» Waitaha School has been co-located with the recently opened Lemonwood Grove School and satellites of this special school have been incorporated in the new schools of West Rolleston (primary) and Rolleston College (secondary).



**Roll growth funding**

» Additional teaching spaces will be provided as further stages of development to Lemonwood Grove School and Rolleston College based on roll growth at each of these schools.



**Establish New Schools**

» The fifth state primary school is planned to open in 2021/22. This will complete the spatial plan for primary schools across Rolleston.

» Planning for secondary schooling beyond Rolleston College's master planned capacity of 1,800 is under way. A site will be acquired following engagement with Selwyn District Council and local schools. Current projections suggest a school may be required in 2027/28.



**Availability of appropriate land sites**

» Where there is scarcity of suitable land, early acquisition of sites reduces costs and ensures we can respond to projected demand.

» Early acquisition increases the opportunity for collaborative planning with local government to ensure that sites:

- are located close to community infrastructure such as halls, libraries and sports facilities.
- maximise the potential of access via cycling and walking