

Director's message:



Growth of the Halswell area has accelerated since the earthquakes in 2010 and 2011. Development on the ground has exceeded projections and is expected to continue across the Halswell area as there is still significant capacity available.

We are proud of the work we have already done in Halswell to plan for growth in this catchment. Our strategic land acquisition plan has been completed and we are confident we can continue to deliver the right type of education in the right place and at the right time.

We are excited to share this plan for the future of education in Halswell out to 2030. This plan outlines how we will continue to accommodate the growth we expect in Halswell. The plan is holistic, taking account of community aspirations and need, and will help to deliver an education system that enables every New Zealander to achieve and be the best they can be.

Ngā mihi

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Halswell's growth story

Christchurch City is part of the greater Christchurch High Growth Urban Area¹, with the city expected to increase in population from 387,000 in 2018 to 430,000 in 2030. Statistics NZ projections estimate the Halswell area will grow from about 17,000 people to a population of 20,000 by 2021 and 27,000 by 2030².

The recent population growth in Halswell has been largely as a result of the post-quake need for housing to accommodate displaced residents. Southwest Christchurch is a large development area within the city. An area plan was completed by Council in 2009 and has formed the basis for development in the area. Halswell has significant greenfields capacity already earmarked for growth, with a number of developments fast-tracked to provide housing following the earthquakes.

What have we done so far?

- In 2006, following joint planning workshops with Council about the development of the South West Area Plan, we purchased a site for a future primary school in Milns Rd in the eastern part of the catchment. We also identified the need for a future primary school in the southwest. Pre-earthquakes, the planned staging of growth in Halswell meant that this site would be required beyond 2020.

- As a result of the need to replace homes lost following the earthquakes, the development of Knights Stream Park was fast-tracked to meet demand. Consequently, we brought forward the site acquisition for southwest Halswell, acquiring a primary school site in 2014. Knights Stream Primary School opened on this site in Term 1, 2019 with initial capacity for 450 students, and a master planned capacity of 700 students.
- We engaged with the community and schools in the catchment as part of the establishment process for Knights Stream School, and we confirmed the secondary pathway is to the local school with no expectation of new secondary schooling in this catchment.
- We worked with all schools in the catchment to develop master plans to ensure additional capacity will be provided in a managed way to meet the long term needs of the schools in the area.
- Site acquisition for this catchment has been undertaken and the spatial plan for primary provision is complete. No further acquisition is anticipated to be required to meet projected growth in the medium term.
- All of the primary schools in the catchment have enrolment schemes, apart from one which is not at risk of overcrowding. We are currently working with Hillmorton High School to develop an enrolment scheme.

Planning for short-term growth (3 years)

Our own projections show that we can expect to accommodate an additional 400 school-aged students in Halswell by 2021³.

- We will continue to monitor school rolls to ensure we implement Stage 2 of Knights Stream School in advance of demand.
- There is capacity in the secondary network and Hillmorton High School has been master planned for a long-term capacity of 2,000 students. A staged building process is planned to bring capacity to 1,000 students.

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

In the medium term, we expect an additional 1,000 school-aged students will require access to a local state school by 2030⁴. To accommodate this growth:

- We will continue to monitor school rolls and capacity across the catchment, as well as the rate of development uptake in the area. Additional capacity will be implemented at existing schools as monitoring indicates it is necessary. This includes determining the timeframe for building Hillmorton High to its master planned capacity.
- The Milns Rd site remains as part of our medium-long term spatial plan for primary schooling in the Halswell area. The establishment of a school on this site would occur in response to residential development in the area.

Beyond 2030

Beyond 2030, the population growth in Halswell is expected to continue, but at a slower rate. Statistics NZ projects the population to grow from 27,000 in 2030 to 33,000 in 2043. The additional primary provision being planned now is anticipated to provide adequate capacity to accommodate long-term growth. Similarly, the secondary network is anticipated to be sufficient in the longer-term.

Māori medium

In the Halswell catchment, there is a pathway for Māori seeking education as Māori. There is one kōhanga reo in the Halswell catchment. One of the two composite kura within Christchurch offering education in Māori medium is located within this catchment. Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te whānau Tahī had a 2017 roll of 149 taura receiving education through Level 1 immersion. Te Kōmanawa Rowley School offers te reo Māori (MME Level 3) and is the only primary school in the South Island also offering Gagana Samoan language curriculum enrichment.

The local secondary school, Hillmorton High School, provides a potential secondary pathway for te reo Māori and Gagana Samoan language learners through language classes in the high school, however there is not yet capacity to offer Māori medium. In Halswell and surrounding areas, we have focussed on providing targeted support to school leaders, as well as accessible support from Resource Teachers of Māori and relevant professional development.

Learning Support

Knights Stream School hosts a satellite from Waitaha School. This provides local access to a specialist facility for primary students enrolling in Waitaha School. At the secondary level, these students may transition to learning support provision at Hillmorton High School, where there is currently 33 learners accessing this support between Y7-15. Hillmorton High also partners with Van Asch Deaf Education Centre to provide a specialist hub for secondary learners who are deaf and hard of hearing.

Halswell Residential College is located within this catchment and provides co-educational residential accommodation for up to 32 students. The College is one of three locations across the country where students who are not supported by Te Kahu Tōi can enrol directly with the special school.

There has been considerable pressure on day special schools in Christchurch. 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.

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

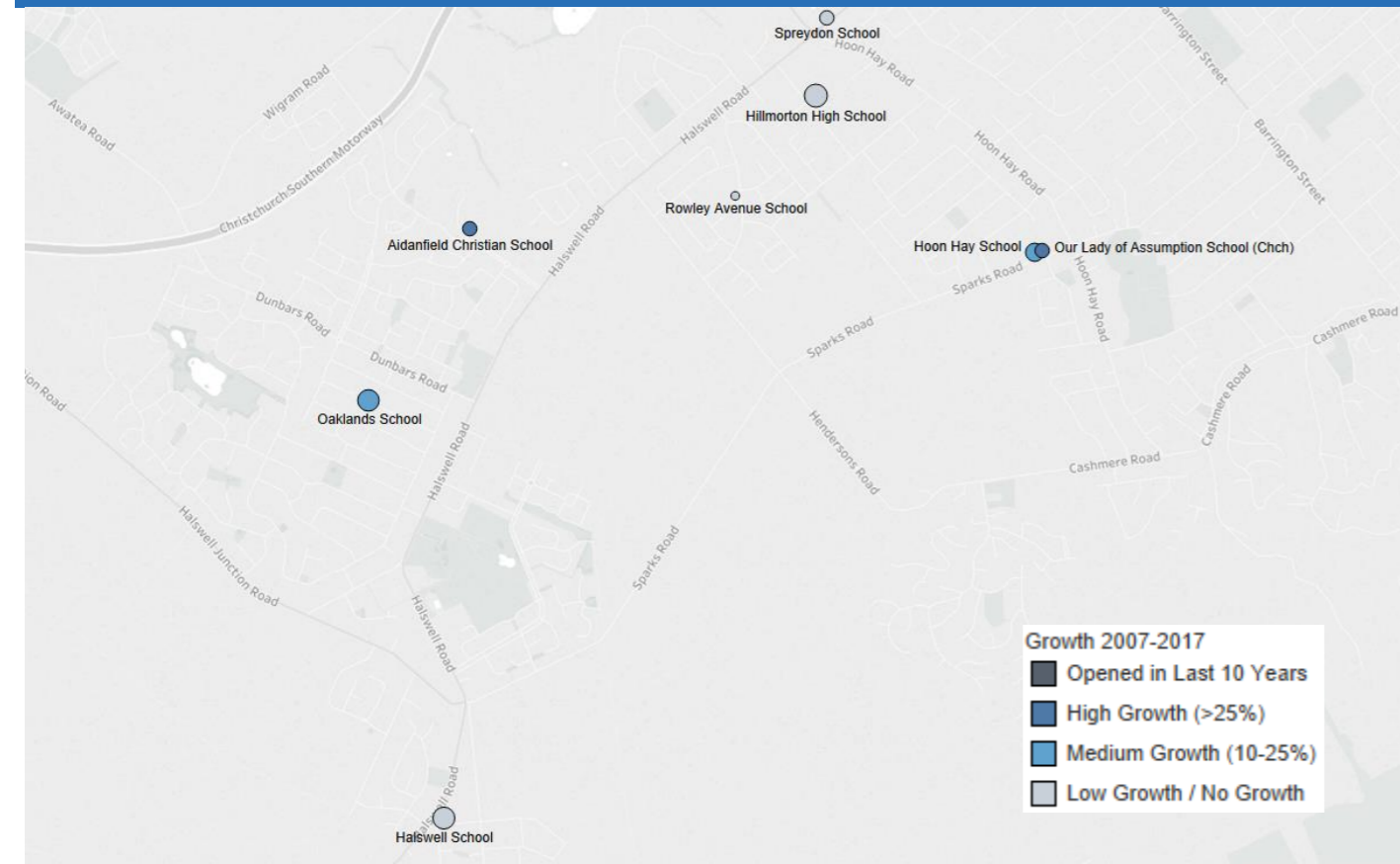
² SNZ population projections, 2017 (2013 base, Medium scenario for 7 CAUs)

³ Regional network analysis, September 2018

⁴ Regional network analysis, September 2018

Halswell: Blueprint for Growth

New Zealand Education Growth Plan to 2030



Halswell, in Christchurch City, is expected to grow from 17,000 people to a population of 20,000 by 2021 and 27,000 by 2030. The catchment is made up of 2 state full primary schools, 3 state contributing primary schools, a state Y7-15 secondary school, a state integrated composite Y1-15 school, and a state integrated full primary school. As at July 2018, this catchment had a combined **school roll of 3,116 students**. There are 45 ORS students, and no students enrolled in Māori Medium education.

What's influencing the Growth Plan

Rapid post-quake growth



Southwest Christchurch is one of only two new development areas for the city. A number of developments were fast-tracked as a result of the earthquakes.

Christchurch Schools Renewal Programme



This programme has been used to future proof the existing schools in Halswell taking into account the new Knights Stream School and identifying where short-term demand is.

Community desire for additional secondary school



We have engaged with the community and confirmed the secondary pathway is to Hillmorton High School.

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



All of the schools in the catchment have enrolment schemes in place apart from one which is not at risk of overcrowding. We are currently working with Hillmorton High School to develop a scheme. Amendments will be made as new schools open.



Our strategic land acquisition plan has been completed and no further acquisition is anticipated to be required to meet projected growth in the medium-term. We own a site in Milns Road that we anticipate will accommodate a future primary school.



Knights Stream School opened in Term 1, 2019 with initial capacity for 450 students, and a master planned capacity of 700 students.



We have worked with schools to develop master plans to ensure additional capacity is provided in a managed way.

Growth Plan to 2030

2019

2022

2030



Knights Stream Stage 1
450 student places



Hillmorton High School
150 student places



Potential Stage 2 Knights Stream
250 primary student places



Further investment at secondary level to increase capacity



Potential new primary school at Milns Road – timing and capacity to be determined



Hillmorton High School enrolment scheme



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.
- » A new enrolment scheme is being developed with Hillmorton High School.



Network solutions

- » Engagement with schools and the community confirmed there would not be an additional secondary school in the catchment.



Roll growth funding

- » Additional capacity will be provided to Knights Stream School as further stages of development result from ongoing roll monitoring.
- » Additional capacity of 150 places will be provided to Hillmorton High School to bring capacity to 1,000. The high school has been master planned to a roll of 2,000 and additional capacity will be provided through a staged building process.



Establish New Schools

- » Knights Stream School opened in Term 1, 2019 with an initial capacity of 450 students.
- » Timing of a new primary school at the Milns Road site will be determined by ongoing monitoring of rolls and development uptake.



Expanding Provision Type

- » TKKM Te Whānau Tahī, while serving a wider catchment than just Halswell, provides a local Māori medium pathway.
- » There is also a pathway for Gagana Samoan language learners through Te Kōmanawa Rowley School and language classes at Hillmorton High School.
- » A satellite of Waitaha School opened on the site of the new Knights Stream School.
- » Hillmorton High School provides specialist support for learners with ORS (Y7-15) within a learning support hub. They also host a satellite provision for students enrolled at Van Asch Deaf Education Centre who are deaf and hard of hearing.
- » There has been considerable pressure on day special schools in Christchurch. We expect the current number of special school enrolments to stabilise through uptake of the inclusive learning model and as the network realigns with the special school catchments.