

Director's message:



The northern Kāpiti area between Waikanae and Otaki is expected to continue to grow, partly as a result of significant investment in roading infrastructure and partly as a result of the shifting rural-urban boundary.

While we know there is an ageing population in the Kāpiti district, there are also many new families

attracted to the area because of larger sections, more affordable housing, lifestyle and improved transport links to Wellington City.

This plan, like our growth plan for Wellington Central and North, shows how we aim to deliver a local school network that will not only accommodate future growth, but also provide our children with the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Ngā mihi,
Erika Ross

Kāpiti's growth story

Since 2001, the Kāpiti Coast district population has grown by about 15%. The population is expected to grow from 52,000 in 2018 to 63,000 in 2043¹. Kāpiti Coast District Council projects the population of Northern Kāpiti to grow from 22,600 in 2018 to 25,800 in 2030 and on to 29,600 in 2043 (total growth of 7,000)².

In the past, this area has typically attracted an older demographic, however we are now seeing more young families move into the area. The opening of the new expressway has reduced travel time to Wellington meaning this area is now an affordable place for families to live within a reasonable commuting distance to the city. We expect the opening of Transmission Gully (planned for mid-2020) will see this growth intensify. We also anticipate the urban-rural boundary to shift further north as the population grows and previously undeveloped areas are developed as land becomes available. This is not currently reflected in the population projections.

In Northern Kāpiti, there are approximately 1,750 new dwellings planned between now and 2043. Construction is already underway. We anticipate significant further development within this period.

The Northern Kāpiti catchment has grown by 92 students since 2014. The three primary schools in this catchment are all experiencing roll growth pressure.

What have we done so far?

- In 2010, in anticipation of projected growth, we acquired land north of Waikanae township for a new primary school. We are currently assessing whether our current site is the best location for future schooling provision.
- In the past two years, we have provided two additional teaching spaces across the Kāpiti primary network to accommodate increases in school rolls.
- We are exploring a review of some schools' enrolment scheme boundaries to provide better balance across the network to accommodate short term growth. Two Waikanae schools are on constrained sites with limited development options.

Planning for short-term growth (3 years)

- We will continue to work with schools in this catchment to review their enrolment schemes to better utilise our existing network of school infrastructure.
- In the short-term, we anticipate an additional 200 student places will be required across four schools in the catchment to cater for growth.
- We are planning for further specialist learning support provision across both the primary and secondary network. This will likely be two satellite units (one at primary level and one at secondary level).

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

Current population projections do not account for the growth we are expecting as a result of the investment in transport infrastructure. We are planning to accommodate at least an additional 125 students in the network by 2030. Our long-term planning incorporates several key actions:

- We are considering options for future schooling provision in Waikanae.
- We will consider options for maximising our existing school site on the rural boundary (Te Horo School), including developing a master planned capacity with this school.

- We will consider the establishment of a new kura to further increase the capacity of the existing Māori medium network. This is dependent on an anticipated application for establishment.

Beyond 2030

Beyond 2030, we expect that growth will continue. To accommodate this growth, we anticipate establishing a new primary school on a site acquired prior to 2030. We will continue to monitor roll growth and the uptake of development in the catchment to inform our decision-making. We will also assess the need for future secondary provision and begin planning should our monitoring show this is required.

Māori medium

Māori account for 13% of the population in the Kāpiti Coast district. In the Kāpiti catchment, there are two composite kura, one dual medium contributing primary and one dual medium full primary. Kāpiti Coast has 246 tauira in Māori medium Level 1.

There is a desire from iwi in this area to expand provision and develop new kura. We anticipate an application from iwi to establish a kura in this area and it is likely we would be supportive of such an application. We anticipate growth in this network, and the two existing kura in Kāpiti will require expansion in the next five years.

Learning Support

The Wellington region has one of the highest levels of mainstream inclusion in the country. In the Kāpiti catchment there are currently 57 ORS students. The majority of the ORS students attend local schools with no particular school attracting a significant proportion of these learners.

Between 2014 and 2018, Kāpiti has seen a steady number of both ORS high and very high students. We anticipate the number of ORS learners will continue to rise in line with population growth. There is a special school satellite at Kāpiti School in the neighbouring network, however there is no special school provision in the Northern Kāpiti network. There is also no secondary specialist learning support provision on the Kāpiti Coast or in neighbouring Horowhenua.

¹ <https://forecast.idnz.co.nz/Kāpiti/population-summary>

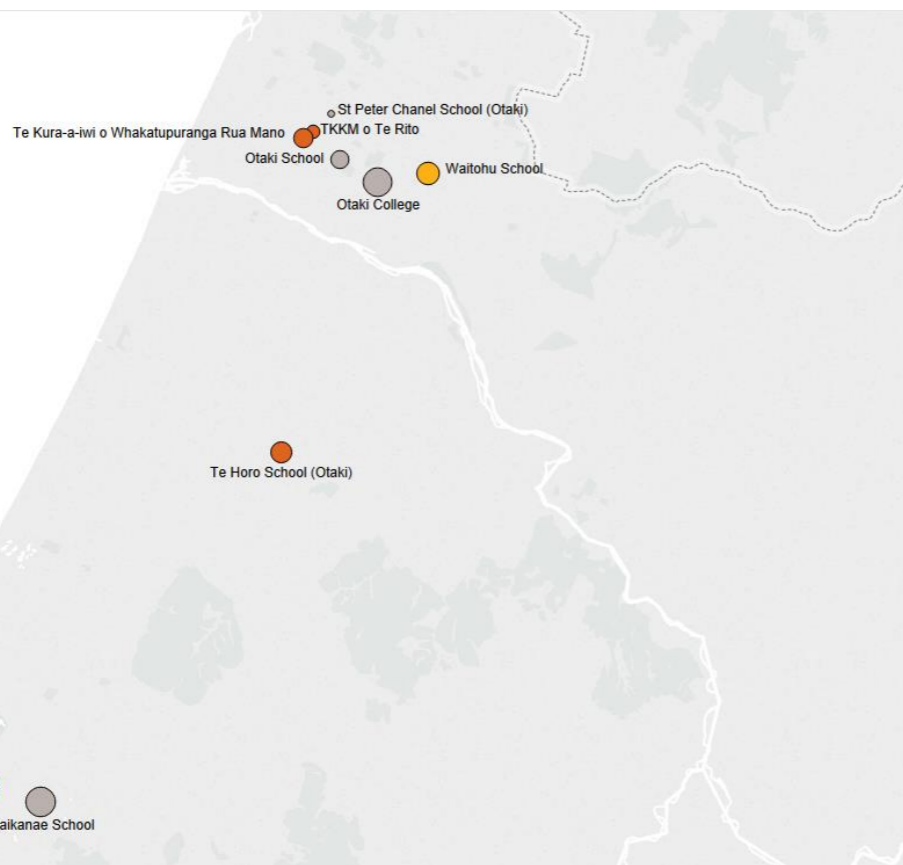
² <https://forecast.idnz.co.nz/Kāpiti> 7th September 2018

Northern Kāpiti: Steady Growing

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



Northern Kāpiti, north of Wellington, comprises the areas of Waikanae and Otaki. In the Northern Kāpiti catchment, there are 2 state contributing primary schools, 3 state full primary schools, a state secondary Y7-15 school, a state integrated full primary school, and 2 composite kura (both Y1-15). As at July 2018, this catchment had a combined **school roll of 2,551 students**, including 429 Māori Medium students and 18 ORS students.

What's influencing the Growth Plan

Investment in transport infrastructure



Significant investment in roading infrastructure has reduced travel time to Wellington making northern Kāpiti a desirable location for families. The opening of Transmission Gully in 2020 is expected to see this intensify.

Changing urban-rural boundary



We expect the urban-rural boundary to be adjusted northwards toward Te Horo as growth in the catchment increases and previously undeveloped areas become developed.

Growth in existing school catchments



There is currently roll growth pressure across Waikanae primary schools. This is due to roading changes and the affordable lifestyle this part of Wellington offers young families.

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



We are exploring with schools a review of enrolment scheme boundaries to provide better balance across the network, as some schools are at capacity and on constrained sites with limited development options.



There is Ministry land available in Waikanae for a future school. We are considering site options for future schooling provision in Waikanae.



Two additional teaching spaces have been provided across the primary network to cater for recent roll growth.

Growth Plan to 2030

2019

2022

2030



200 student places



Review of site options for Waikanae primary network



Potential establishment of new school – timing TBC



Engage with community



Enrolment zones

» We will continue to work with schools in this catchment to review their enrolment schemes to better utilise our existing network of school infrastructure.



Engagement

» We will engage with the school sector to master plan for future school size.



Roll growth funding

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Site assessment

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Expanding Provision Type

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- » There is a desire from iwi in this area to expand provision and develop new kura. We anticipate an application from iwi to establish a kura in this area.
- » We anticipate growth in this network, and the two existing kura in Kāpiti may require additional capacity.