

Director's message:



We know Wellington is growing. We have been working closely with Wellington City Council to understand the impact of the greenfield development in the north and further urban intensification in central Wellington. This plan focuses on Wellington Central (Te Aro to Island Bay) and Wellington North (Johnsonville to Tawa).

Growth presents us with both a challenge and an opportunity. Wellington City has some of the smallest school sites and challenging topography in the country. This means that building outwards, upwards or on a new site is not always an option. We need to consider innovative solutions to the challenges we face.

We know that to accommodate long term growth, we need to plan now. We want to ensure that we have the space to meet the challenges of population growth and that we work with schools to provide innovative responses to it. This plan shows how we aim to achieve this.

Ngā mihi,

Erika Ross

Wellington's growth story

Employment opportunities, a more affordable city housing market than Auckland, coupled with a great lifestyle is bringing new families to our region. Housing in Wellington is more affordable than the Auckland market while still allowing the same city life advantages and experiences. The population of the city has grown in the last 15 years from 170,000 to over 200,000 people. The Wellington Urban Growth Plan (2015) projects an extra 50,000 people in Wellington Central by 2043.

Te Aro is the city's fastest growing residential neighbourhood, with the population growing more than three times faster than the city as a whole. Wellington City Council (WCC) projections show that the population in Wellington Central will grow from 74,700 in 2018 to 86,400 in 2030, and to 95,500 by 2043¹. The majority of this residential growth is expected to come from medium and high density housing.

School rolls in the Wellington Central catchment have increased by 685 students since 2014. The primary school network is currently operating beyond capacity. Space at our school sites in this part of the catchment is limited.

The Wellington North catchment is a popular area for families, with medium density housing and in close proximity to Wellington City. A large number of land and build packages are available in this area. WCC projections show the Wellington North population is projected to grow from 48,700 in 2018 to 55,400 in 2030 and on to 61,300 in 2043².

Two large greenfield sites in the Newlands/Grenada area are anticipated to result in about 2,200 new dwellings. We are also aware of several smaller developments in this area with potential for a further 1,300 new dwellings.

In this catchment, we have seen an increase of 707 students since 2014. The network is currently operating at 98% capacity.

What have we done so far?

- We have been working closely with WCC, school boards and Kāhui Ako. Almost all primary and intermediate schools have enrolment schemes in place. We are exploring enrolment schemes with some primary schools in the catchment. All secondary schools have enrolment schemes.
- Recently we have provided additional teaching spaces to six schools, and invested in the redevelopment of five primary schools and one secondary school. Funding has recently been announced for the provision of an additional 16 teaching spaces at Wellington Girls' College (\$25 million).
- In Wellington Central, we are working with primary schools to review the teaching of the Y7-8 technology curriculum and what these facilities might look like in the future to help free up crucial space in schools.
- In 2012, we opened Amesbury School in northern Wellington. Funding has been allocated through Budget 18 for the expansion of this school.

Planning for short-term growth (3 years)

In the short-term, our projections show we will need to accommodate an additional 500 students in northern Wellington and an additional 300 students in central Wellington by 2021.

- We will continue to monitor rolls and work with schools to implement and review enrolment schemes to ensure they are fit for purpose. We will also work with schools to manage out-of-zone student numbers.
- In central Wellington, we anticipate the need for 200 additional student places. We also project an additional 185 students in the secondary network that we plan to accommodate in the co-educational secondary school in Wellington Central, which has seen an increase in demand.
- In northern Wellington, we have recently approved three new enrolment schemes and one scheme amendment at local primary schools. We will also closely monitor these rolls to determine whether we are required to invest in roll growth. We will also undertake master planning for both Onslow and Newlands Colleges to ensure they are able to meet future demand.
- We are considering all network options to ease pressure on existing provision.

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

By 2030, we are planning to accommodate an additional 700 students in Wellington Central and an additional 750 students in Wellington North.

- We are planning to engage with the sector and our communities as we develop options for future schooling provision. We will also work with schools to develop a master planned capacity for each site. This is particularly important for our primary schools that have constrained sites.

- In central Wellington, we will assess whether site acquisition for a new primary school is required and consider innovative solutions for what this could look like. We will likewise explore the possibility of establishing at least one additional primary school in northern Wellington, depending on population projections.
- In northern Wellington, we will also assess the demand for future secondary schooling and consider whether site acquisition for additional secondary provision is necessary.
- We plan to review technology provision across the city with the intention of delivering a technology hub for approximately 1,300-1,500 student places to ease pressure on primary schools.
- We will consider providing additional specialist learning support space either through satellites or a new base school.

Beyond 2030

Growth beyond 2030 continues. Population growth between 2033 and 2043 is projected to see another 15,000 people across the city. In the Wellington Central catchment, we plan to accommodate this growth through establishing a new primary school. In Wellington North, we anticipate the need for at least one new primary school, and also potential additional secondary provision. Our monitoring of rolls and capacity will inform decision-making around the potential timing of any future provision.

Māori medium

In the 2013 Census, within Wellington City, Māori accounted for about 8% of the total population. In March 2018, Wellington City had 159 taura in Māori medium Level 1. We project this number to grow in line with population growth. The Wellington Central catchment has no significant Māori medium provision. In the adjacent catchments, there is a composite kura and one dual-medium full primary school. Students travel across this network to access their provision of choice. There is no dual or Māori medium provision in Northern Wellington. To date, there has not been any interest from community groups about establishing provision here.

Learning Support

As at March 2018, in Wellington Central and North there are 173 ORS students. The majority of the ORS students attend local schools with no large grouping in any one specific school. Wellington has one of the highest levels of mainstream inclusion in the country. We anticipate this number will continue to rise in line with population growth.

The Wellington region has two special schools with total capacity for 152 students. Neither of these schools are located, nor have satellite classes in this catchment. Recently, there has been increased demand for provision in both special schools, particularly from people who have relocated from Auckland, where there is greater availability of special school provision as an option.

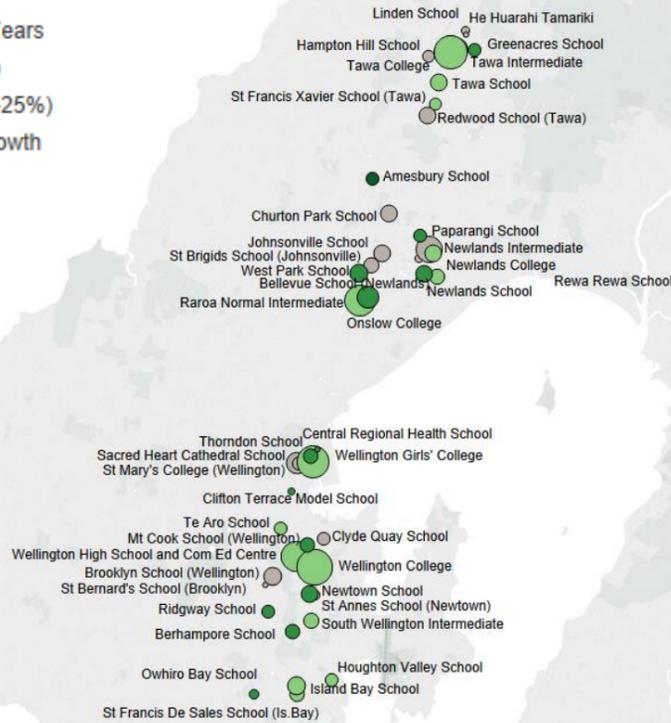
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Wellington Central & North

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



Wellington Central and North are experiencing some new development in the north of the catchment, and infill growth in the established parts of the city. The catchment comprises 17 state contributing schools, 8 state full primary schools, 4 state intermediates, 6 state secondary schools, 5 state integrated full primary schools, 1 state integrated contributing primary school, 1 state integrated secondary school (Y9-15), 1 teen parent unit and 1 special school. As at July 2018, this catchment had a combined **school roll of 18,578 students**, including 14 Māori Medium students and 189 ORS students.

What's Driving Growth

Demand for medium and high density housing in Wellington Central



The population in Wellington Central is expected to grow from 74,700 in 2018 to 86,400 in 2030. The majority of this residential growth is expected to come from medium and high density housing meaning we will need to accommodate more students in our existing network.

Future development in Wellington North



Development is planned in the Grenada/Newlands area on previously undeveloped land, resulting in a potential 3,500 new dwellings.

Constraints on existing site capacity



Many of our schools are on constrained sites which limits the opportunities for expansion.

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



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Growth Plan to 2030

2019

2022

2030



Review and implement enrolment schemes



750 student places in Wellington North



820 additional students by 2021



Potential acquisition of up to three sites – timing TBC



Potential new schooling provision in north Wellington – timing TBC



Additional 1,450 students by 2030



Review technology provision



Engage with community



Enrolment zones

- » We will continue to monitor rolls and work with schools to implement and review enrolment schemes to ensure they are fit for purpose.
- » We will also work with schools to manage out-of-zone student numbers.



Network solutions

- » We plan to review technology provision across the city with the intention of delivering a technology hub for 1,300 to 1,500 student places to ease pressure on primary schools.
- » We will explore change of class options for some schools to ease pressure on intermediates which are on constrained sites and experiencing pressure.



Roll growth funding

- » In central Wellington, we forecast the need for 200 additional student places at primary level. We also expect an additional 185 students in the secondary network that we plan to accommodate in the co-educational secondary school in Wellington Central, as demand has been increasing for co-educational education over single sex.



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- » Wellington City has some of the smallest school sites and challenging topography in the country. This means that building outwards, upwards or on a new site is not always an option. We need to consider innovative solutions to the challenges we face.
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Expanding Provision Type

- » Across the Wellington region, we are planning to engage with the school sector and our communities as we develop options for future schooling provision.
- » The Wellington Central catchment has no significant Māori medium provision. In the adjacent catchments, there is a composite kura and one dual-medium full primary school. Students travel across this network to access their provision of choice. There is no dual or Māori Medium provision in Northern Wellington.
- » The majority of the ORS students attend local schools with no large grouping in any one specific school. Wellington has one of the highest levels of mainstream inclusion in the country.
- » The Wellington region has two special schools. Neither of these schools are located, nor have satellite classes, in this catchment.