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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for writing to the Ministry of Education on 7 February 2018 to request the following information:

*Population data for [...] Linwood College, Mairehau High School, Shirley Boys High School and Avonside Girls High School*

*We request that the population data shows the students have come from out of zone and in zone*

*The data is required for the 2018 and 2019 school years*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

### School populations

The 2018 full-time equivalent student populations of the four schools named in your request are below. For your reference, I have also included 2018 student populations at Haeata Community Campus in Aranui.

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13	Total
<b>Shirley Boys' High School</b>									280	300	270	238	174	1262
<b>Avonside Girls' High School</b>									227	199	197	173	141	937
<b>Mairehau High School</b>									74	75	80	61.6	59.3	349.9
<b>Linwood College</b>							54	55	130	113	120	117	82	671
<b>Haeata Community Campus</b>	38	50	49	61	61	72	72	42	70	45	57.8	58.8	47.6	724.2

I am refusing your request for 2019 roll data under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not yet exist. We will begin collecting 2019 roll return data in March 2019, for public release onto our website *Education Counts* later in the year.

### In zone students

The table overleaf shows the zoning status break-down as reported by Shirley Boys' and Avonside Girls' High Schools at March 2018. This data is based on a **headcount** basis, so will differ slightly from the above official March 2018 rolls.

<b>Avonside Girls' High School</b>	<b>Y9</b>	<b>Y10</b>	<b>Y11</b>	<b>Y12</b>	<b>Y13</b>	<b>Total</b>
In zone	51	28	63	66	30	238
Out of zone	176	171	134	108	112	701
<b>March 2018 student headcount</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>939</b>

<b>Shirley Boys' High School</b>	<b>Y9</b>	<b>Y10</b>	<b>Y11</b>	<b>Y12</b>	<b>Y13</b>	<b>Total</b>
In zone	45	42	36	49	37	209
Out of zone	235	258	234	195	142	1064
<b>March 2018 student headcount</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>939</b>

Please note, these figures are based on the enrolment zones used by each school in 2018, and not the new enrolment zones which came into effect in 2019. The roll data collected in March will reflect this change.

I am also refusing your request for information about in and out of zone enrolments for Mairehau High School and Linwood College under section 18(e) of the Act, as these schools do not have enrolment zones. Secondary Schools in the greater Christchurch region have undertaken a joint effort to develop an approach to address enrolment zones challenges in the city following the Canterbury earthquakes.

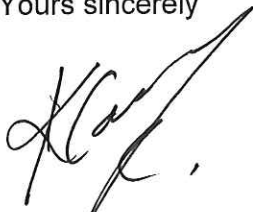
We have been collectively working with Christchurch's secondary schools to identify options and determine the best future approach. Challenges to the enrolment network existed prior to the Canterbury earthquakes but have been accentuated by them. Coralanne Child, Canterbury Regional Director of Education and her team have been tasked with facilitating this review.

Throughout the consultation, schools have shown a desire towards a less competitive environment and to a more regulated one. This would remove incentives for schools to increase their roles at the expense of other schools and increase local provision of education. By taking on this option, schools will be agreeing not to enrol over their agreed capacity. Secondary schools involved in this initiative worked through how they could each operate in the best interests of everyone, to better align supply and demand to ensure a fair choice of education.

Thank you again for your request. If you have any questions on this issue, we recommend you contact the Office of the Canterbury Regional Director of Education. You can do this by emailing Simon Blatchford, Principal Advisor to the Director, at [Simon.Blatchford@education.govt.nz](mailto:Simon.Blatchford@education.govt.nz).

Under section 28(3), you have the right to refer this response to an Ombudsman. You can do this by emailing [info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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