

Director's message:



Tauranga is growing and the established urban areas of the city are filling up fast as demographics change and infill housing increases. While this is an exciting time for Tauranga, it is also putting our existing schools under pressure. As a region, we are planning now so that we have enough space in our existing schools as well as providing more space where it is needed.

The Tauranga peninsula has a strong Kāhui Ako for both mainstream and Tauranga Moana kura. We know that we need to accommodate growth in these communities of learning. We want to do that in a way that supports our Kāhui Ako to keep delivering excellent education outcomes.

I am very pleased to present the following plan for central and southern Tauranga out to 2030. This growth plan focuses on Tauranga and complements the other local growth plans for Papamoa and Otumoetai. We're committed to supporting the wellbeing of our tamariki and ensuring they have every opportunity to access an equitable education and achieve to their full potential, and this plan shows how we will deliver on that.

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Ezra Schuster

Tauranga's growth story

Tauranga has grown by nearly 50,000 people in the last two decades and this growth is set to continue. Smartgrowth¹ is planning now to accommodate another 20,000 people across the City by 2028, and another 50,000 by 2048. Some of this growth will be within existing urban areas and Council has recently approved an increase in public transport funding to support this.

Within this catchment, growth looks like continued infill development in the established suburbs, and new development on the southern fringe at Pyes Pa, and to a lesser extent Ohauiti and Welcome Bay. There are also a number of Special Housing Areas that have been approved which will fast-track development to the south. Council is currently in the process of changing the urban limits to incorporate 346ha of undeveloped land in Tauriko West to accommodate about 3,000 dwellings. This development could be open from 2021 and will see another 7,200 people living in this area².

Mostly, the Tauranga catchment is made up of urban schools, but rural fringe schools are also facing pressure as the city expands outwards. The primary school network is under significant pressure, meaning the opening of a new school this year is well-timed. The secondary network is expected to have sufficient capacity to around early 2020s.

What have we done so far?

Eleven of the 15 state schools in this catchment have enrolment schemes in place, with an additional scheme commencing in 2019. At this stage, there is no need to progress schemes at the remaining schools as a zone would have little impact on the capacity issues at these schools.

We have opened a new full primary school in the growing area of Pyes Pa. Taumata School opened for Term 1, 2019 with an initial capacity of 400 students. We are already planning for further development of this school as a result of the pace of growth.

Recently, 12 additional classrooms have been funded at Tauranga Boys' College, as have 19 classrooms at various primary schools across the catchment. In addition to this roll growth investment, significant redevelopment projects are underway at both the colleges and the intermediate in order to renew ageing buildings.

Planning for short-term growth (3 years)

By 2021, we anticipate that capacity will need to be increased to accommodate an additional 400-700 student places across the network. We will meet this demand through a variety of responses, including building new capacity.

We are working to address growth in the short-term. Here's how:

- We are planning now for an additional 330 student places by 2021;
- We are investigating sites for a new primary school in southern Tauranga, to open by 2024, adding about 500 places to the primary network.
- We are considering options for increasing capacity at Tauriko School where the existing site has limited expansion opportunities and significant future growth is planned at Tauriko West. NZTA plans for the adjacent state highway are a factor in this assessment.
- We are planning to acquire a site for secondary schooling in the southern part of the catchment to open within the next decade. Temporary accommodation at other secondary schools across the city will be required to accommodate demand in the meantime.
- We will engage with our Tauranga community about secondary schooling options over the next 12 months.
- We are planning to develop a master plan roll for each school site to enable better utilisation of existing spaces.

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

In the medium term, we anticipate an additional 1,000-2,000 school-aged children will need to be accommodated in the Tauranga catchment by 2030. With the addition of a new primary and secondary school in the network, as well as timely delivery of additional classrooms as required, in the short to medium term we expect that we can accommodate this growth adequately.

As well as the above, we will continue to monitor rolls and collaborate with Council to understand the uptake of development to ensure a proactive response to growth is provided.

Beyond 2030

Beyond 2030, growth is expected to continue at a similar rate. We expect that by 2043 there will be a further 1,000-2,000 school-age children in the Tauranga catchment that will require accommodating within the network. We expect that the measures we are putting in place now will mean that there will be adequate schooling provision to accommodate this growth to 2043. This will continue to be monitored to reduce the risk of over- or under-provision in the network.

Māori medium

In the Tauranga catchment, there are seven kōhanga reo, and five mainstream schools providing education in Māori medium. These schools have a combined immersion roll of 244 taura across all year levels. About 191 taura from within the Tauranga catchment also travel to attend Māori immersion education in wider Tauranga area. There is no Māori medium strategy for Tauranga Moana and the development of kura and mixed medium schools has not been planned strategically. As a result, we are initiating a Māori medium strategy.

Ngāi Te Rangi and Ngāti Ranginui have been engaging with the Kāhui Ako over the past decade. They have developed learning hubs and mentoring programmes for rangatahi in both literacy and numeracy. They also have a successful track record of assisting Māori students to achieve NCEA L2 and beyond. These two iwi work across Tauranga Moana as a collective, which also includes Ngāti Pukenga.

Learning Support

Tauranga Special School is located in this catchment, as are three satellite units to the base school. These have a combined roll of 60 students. There is limited opportunity for additional capacity at the base school, however capacity exists at some satellite units. We are supporting learning support provision as demand remains high. Taumata School opened in 2019 with a dedicated Board-managed learning support space, and future secondary provision will also have dedicated learning support space.

¹ Partnership between Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Tauranga City Council, Western Bay of Plenty District, NZTA and tangata whenua to deliver a spatial plan for managing growth in the Bay of Plenty.

² http://econtent.tauranga.govt.nz/data/bigfiles/committee_meetings/2017/march/agen_council_28mar2017_attachment_e_dc55.pdf

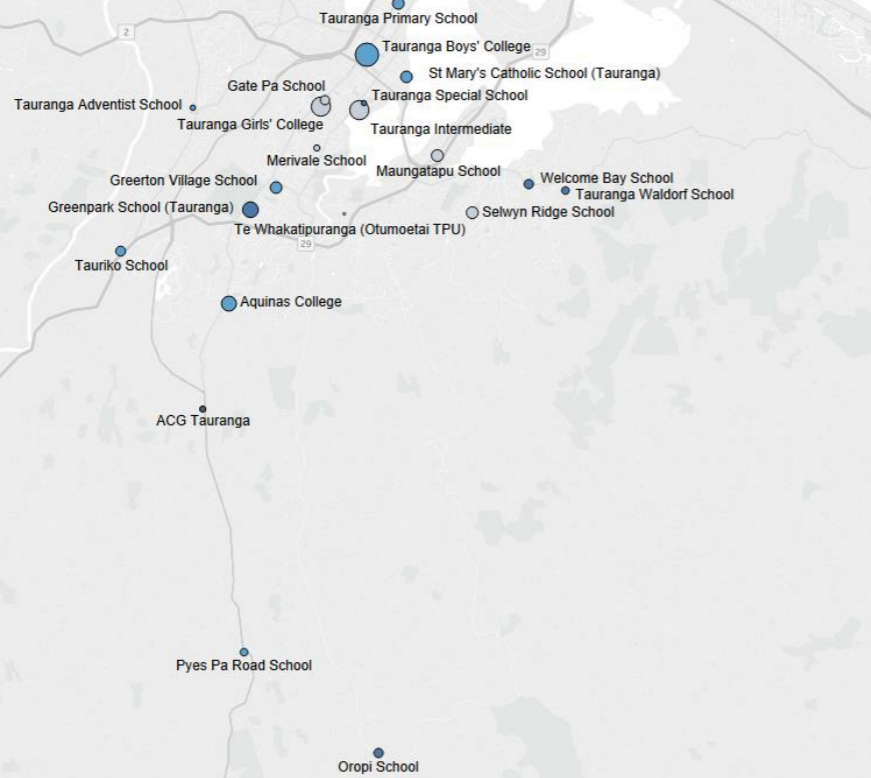
³ Statistics NZ population projections, 5-17yr olds, 2013 base

Tauranga: 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



This growth plan covers the Tauranga central and southern Tauranga areas in the Bay of Plenty - Wairiki education region. In the Tauranga catchment, there are 22 schools including: 17 state schools, 4 state integrated schools and a private school; 9 contributing, 6 full primary, an intermediate, a composite, 3 secondary schools, a teen parent unit and a special school. As at July 2018, this catchment had a combined **school roll of 10,619 students**, including 305 Māori Medium students and 172 ORS students.

What's influencing the Growth Plan

Rapid growth



» Tauranga has grown by nearly 50,000 people in the last two decades and this growth is set to continue. Local and regional council are planning to accommodate another 20,000 people across the city by 2028, and another 50,000 by 2048.

Large scale residential developments



» There are a number of SHAs that have been approved which will fast-track development to the south. In Tauriko West a development which could open from 2021, will potentially accommodate about 3,000 dwellings with an additional 7,200 people living in this area.

Current network will reach full capacity



» The primary school network is under significant pressure, so the opening of a new school this year is well-timed. The secondary network is expected to have sufficient capacity to around the early 2020s.

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



» An additional 12 secondary classrooms and 19 primary classrooms.



» Significant redevelopment projects are underway at both secondary schools and the intermediate in order to renew ageing buildings.



» We have opened a new full primary (Taumata School) for Term 1, 2019 with an initial capacity of 400 students. Planning for Stage 2 is underway.

Growth Plan to 2030

2019

2022

2030

- 175 student places
- Taumata Primary School 400 student places
- Consultation about secondary schooling options
- Acquisition of primary site in southern Tauranga, and primary and secondary sites in south-western Tauranga
- 150 student places
- Potential Stage 2 Taumata School 250 student places
- 75 student places
- Additional 400-700 student places required

Possible relocation of primary school

Potential new secondary opens 2025 (at the earliest) 1,000 student places

Potential new primary (southern Tauranga) 500 student places

Additional 1,000-2,000 student places required



Enrolment zones

» Eleven of the 15 state schools in this catchment have enrolment schemes in place, with a twelfth scheme commencing in 2019. At this stage, there is no need to progress schemes at the remaining schools as a zone would have little impact on the capacity issues at these schools.



Network changes

» We are considering options for possible relocation of a school given proposed future roading network changes.
» We are engaging with our Tauranga community about secondary schooling options over the next 12 months.
» We plan to develop a master plan roll for each school site to enable better utilisation of existing spaces.



Roll growth funding

» Temporary accommodation is required in the immediate term to accommodate growth prior to the opening of the new primary school in southern Tauranga.
» Temporary accommodation at secondary schools across the city will be required to accommodate demand until a new school opens.



Establish New Schools

» We are investigating sites for a new primary school in southern Tauranga to open by 2024, adding about 500 spaces to the primary network.
» We are planning to acquire a site for secondary schooling in the south-western part of the catchment to open by 2025 (at the earliest).



Expanding Provision Type

» We are initiating a Māori Medium strategy.
» We are supporting learning support provision as demand remains high. Taumata School has opened with a dedicated Board-managed learning support space.