

Director's message:



E rau rangatira mā tēnā koutou katoa

We are in the midst of dynamic change in Hamilton. The city is experiencing very high growth and this looks set to continue. We are excited about this next chapter of growth and are planning now to ensure we have enough space in our existing schools, as well as new accommodation where it is needed.

We know that our Hamilton West community values a strong community spirit, a healthy environment, and schools that are accessible and provide opportunities for walking and cycling.

I am very pleased to present the following plan for growth for Hamilton West out to 2030. This growth plan complements the other growth plans for the Waikato region, including Hamilton East, Cambridge and Te Kauwhata. The plan, like our other Ministry growth plans, is holistic and incorporates community aspirations and wellbeing needs, balanced with delivering equitable and excellent outcomes for all New Zealanders.

Noho ora mai

Paula Rawiri

Hamilton West's growth story

Hamilton West includes two of the City's largest growth areas, Rotokauri in the north and Peacocke in the south, as well as the city centre and existing suburbs including the rural hinterland. Hamilton is identified as a High Growth Urban Area¹, and Hamilton City Council has been successful in securing \$290 million in MBIE's Housing Infrastructure Fund loans. This funding will accelerate new transport and wastewater infrastructure in the south and bring forward 3,750 new dwellings in Peacocke by 2028 and up to 8,400 dwellings by 2048.

Infrastructure is already in place for the northern and southern ends of the Rotokauri growth area. There are two Special Housing Areas proposed near Rotokauri which, if approved, will fast-track more than 2,600 dwellings in the north. Growth is also continuing through infill development, meaning the student population is growing in existing suburbs, putting pressure on existing schools.

Stats NZ figures do not yet show the accelerated growth in Hamilton West. Council data² indicates Hamilton City is expected to grow from 160,000 in 2018 to 187,000 in 2030, and 210,000 by 2043. Our own projections modelled out to 2030 show an additional 1,800 to 3,350 primary-aged students accessing local schools, even without the fast-tracked development in both growth areas.

Recently, growth in the primary school population has been at or above the highest growth projections. The primary school network has been experiencing growth pressure. The secondary network has some capacity currently available but pressure will mount as primary students move into secondary schools.

What have we done so far?

Exploring enrolment schemes with schools in the catchment and recently approved a scheme for the intermediate. We are monitoring the need for schemes at all other schools as the number of students in these schools continues to grow.

- Since 2013, \$2.8 million has been spent providing additional capacity at a number of rural schools. In Budget 18, two additional teaching spaces were announced for Nawton Primary.
- Most of the primary school sites are reasonably well optimised. However there may be opportunities where site redevelopment can provide more opportunity, and we are looking into these options.

Planning for short-term growth (3 years)

- If growth projections materialise as expected, by the early 2020s we expect demand to exceed supply in local primary schools by about 700 student places.
- At the primary level, this means additional provision is necessary in the short term to accommodate this growth until a new school is opened in 2024 (at the earliest). We are already searching for suitable land.
- We expect there to be sufficient capacity at the local secondary schools to 2021.
- We know that our rural schools will also need additional teaching space in the next few years, although to a lesser degree, as they continue to experience growth locally.
- We will continue to monitor school rolls and the uptake of development to ensure a proactive response to growth is provided.

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

- Acquisition is underway for two primary sites in the Rotokauri growth area. The first is anticipated to open in 2024/2025. The second Rotokauri primary will open when our growth monitoring indicates it is necessary. Together these two new schools will provide sufficient capacity to meet expected population growth to at least 2030.
- Acquisition is currently underway for two primary sites in the Peacocke area. The first new primary school is expected to open in 2024/2025. Timing of the second primary will depend on the uptake of growth.
- At intermediate and secondary level, growth in the Peacocke area will be met through investment and redevelopment of the existing schools in the area to provide an additional 1,800-2,400 student places.
- We are planning to engage with the community to determine what future primary and secondary provision might look like across the Hamilton West catchment.

- Beyond 2030, we expect that there will be a need for additional provision at the secondary level in the Rotokauri area. Not only that, significant investment will also be required at existing schools to accommodate an additional 300 primary students from the SHA.

Beyond 2030

Growth is expected to continue beyond 2030, albeit at a slightly slower pace. A third primary school is likely to be needed in both Rotokauri and Peacocke. The need for additional secondary provision in the north of the catchment will need to be reassessed. If a new secondary school is not established, additional provision will be needed at existing secondary level to meet demand.

Māori medium

In the Hamilton West catchment, there are seven kōhanga reo and one puna reo providing for preschool Māori medium learning. There are three English medium primary schools and one intermediate school providing Māori medium education through rumaki units. These schools have a combined immersion roll of 312 taura enrolled across all year levels. Hamilton West has one Y1-8 kura with a current roll of 163 taura. There is one Y9-13 wharekura in the catchment which draws students from across the city and beyond, with a current roll of 264 taura.

From 2019, a designated Y7-13 special character school will offer differentiated te reo Māori pathways for all its students including immersion, bilingual and learning te reo as a subject. The total roll for this school will be 212 students and include 68 immersion taura at Level 2.

Across wider Hamilton, we have begun work on a plan that will help ensure children and young people with their families can access suitable Māori language pathways. Hui will commence in 2019.

Learning Support

The provision for children who receive ORS funding in the Hamilton West catchment is covered by Patricia Avenue School, which supports children from the south-west, and Hamilton North School, which supports children from the north west. Due to population pressure, both of these schools are currently at capacity and are supported by satellite units at Melville Primary, Melville High School, Crawshaw School and Hamilton Junior High School.

There are also school managed learning support spaces at several schools. All new schools will be considered for provision for learning support space.

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

² 2016 Update of Population Projections for the Waikato Region (2013-2063), University of Waikato (NIDEA)

Hamilton West: Blueprint for Growth

New Zealand Education Growth Plan to 2030

This growth plan covers the Hamilton West area in the Waikato education region. In the Hamilton West catchment there are 34 schools: 29 state, 5 state integrated; 15 full primary, 9 contributing primary schools, 2 intermediates, a restricted composite, 5 secondary schools, a teen parent unit and a special school. As at July 2018, this catchment had a combined **school roll of 13,258 students**, including 761 Māori Medium students and 207 ORS students.

What's influencing the Growth Plan

Large scale residential developments



Hamilton City Council has been successful in securing \$290 million in Housing Infrastructure Fund loans, bringing forward 3,750 new dwellings in Peacocke by 2028. Three Special Housing Areas proposed near Rotokauri could fast-track more than 2,600 dwellings.

More population growth than projected



Growth in the primary school population has been at or above the highest growth projections. Our projections show an additional 1,800 to 3,350 primary-aged students accessing local schools by 2030, even without the fast-tracked development.

Current network under pressure



The primary school network is experiencing pressure from significant growth. The secondary network has some capacity currently available but pressure will mount as primary students move into secondary schools.

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



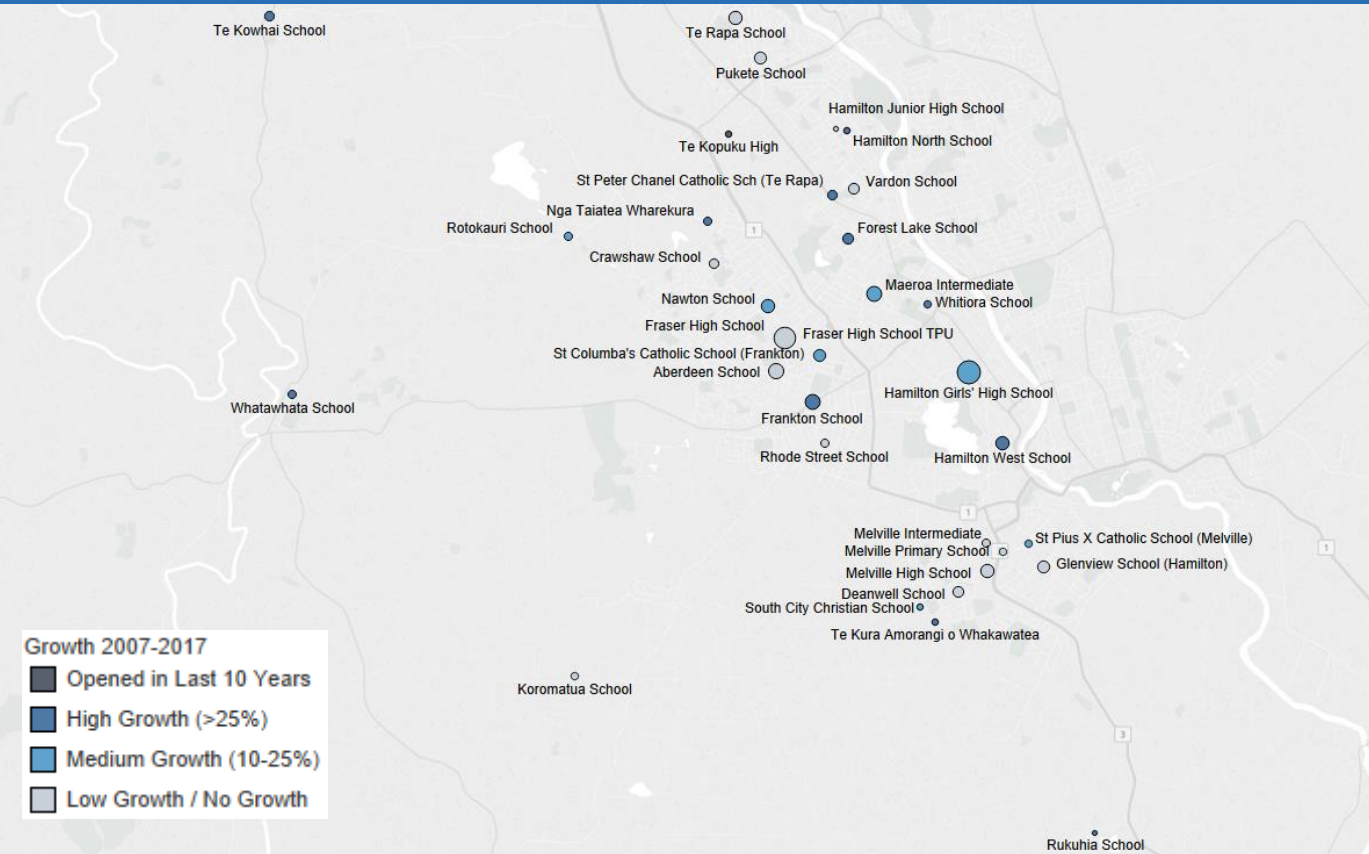
» Most schools in the catchment have enrolment schemes in place.



» Acquisition is currently underway for two primary sites in the Rotokauri growth area and two primary sites in the Peacocke growth area.



» \$2.8 million funded for increased capacity at rural schools, and two teaching spaces for Newton Primary School.



Growth Plan to 2030

2019

2022

2030



Site acquisition for four primary sites



Additional 700 student places at primary by 2023



Potential new primary schools in Rotokauri and Peacocke



Potential new primary schools in Rotokauri and Peacocke – timing TBC



Potential site acquisition for future secondary in Rotokauri



Enrolment Schemes

» Explore enrolment schemes with some schools in the catchment. We will continue to monitor the schools as the number of students in these schools continues to grow.



Network solutions

» We will continue to monitor development uptake across the growth areas, as well as school rolls to determine timing for investment.



Roll growth funding

» An additional 700 student places are required in the primary network prior to a new school opening in 2024.
» At intermediate and secondary level, growth will be met through investment and redevelopment of the existing schools in the area to provide an additional 1,800-2,400 student places.
» The rural schools will also need additional teaching space in the next few years as they continue to experience growth locally.



Establish New Schools

» We are aiming to open one primary school in the Rotokauri growth area and one primary school in the Peacocke area by 2024/2025.
» There is likely to be need for a second additional primary school in Rotokauri, and a second additional primary school in Peacocke, however the opening dates will depend on the uptake of growth.
» The timing for additional secondary provision will depend on the pace of development in the catchment.



Expanding Provision Type

» We are planning to engage with the community to determine what future primary and secondary provision might look like across the Hamilton West catchment.
» From 2019, a designated Y7-13 special character school will offer Māori medium education with a roll of 68 immersion taura at Level 2.
» Across wider Hamilton, we have begun work on a Māori medium strategy and will hui with the community in 2019.
» All new schools will be considered for provision for learning support space.