

National Education Growth Plan (NEGP)

The National Education Growth Plan (NEGP) is a new way of thinking about and co-ordinating the Ministry of Education's response to population growth across New Zealand.

The NEGP incorporates the catchment plans for...

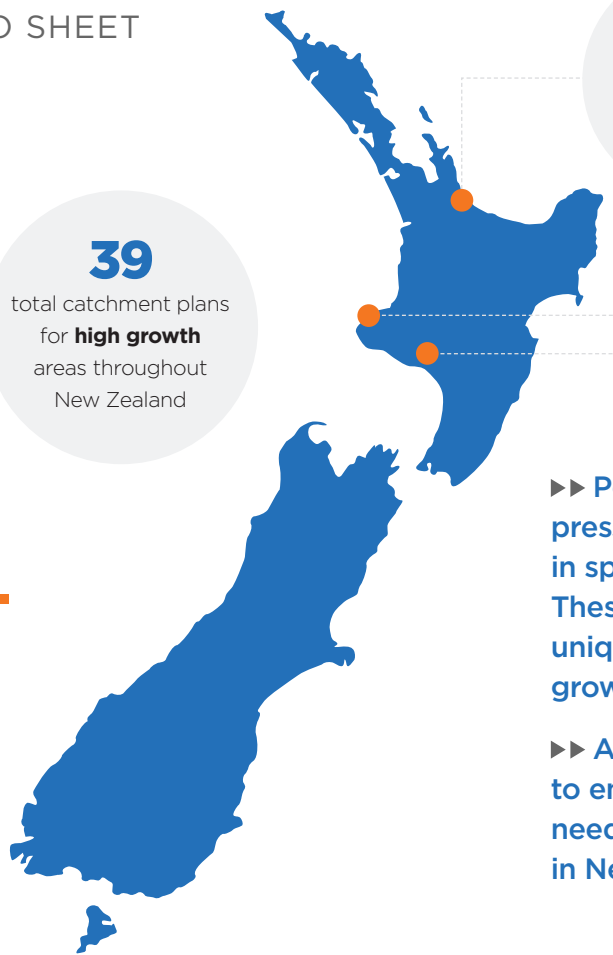
Bay of Plenty - Waiariki and Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatū

Key facts

39
total catchment plans for **high growth** areas throughout New Zealand

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catchment plans in Bay of Plenty - Waiariki

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catchment plans in Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatū



►► Population growth is placing pressure on our school network in specific areas of the country. These high growth areas are all unique and are experiencing growth in different ways.

►► A new approach is needed to ensure that the educational needs are met for every child in New Zealand.

Bay of Plenty - Waiariki

Tauranga has grown by almost 50,000 people in the last two decades. Papamoa, Otumoetai and central and southern Tauranga are experiencing the most rapid growth.

Since 2011, we have opened four new schools across the wider Tauranga urban area. We are planning more new schools in areas where greenfields development is occurring, including Papamoa and southern Tauranga. We are also investing in the redevelopment and expansion of some existing schools, as well as using network tools to accommodate growth.

Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatū

The two highest growth areas in this region are Palmerston North and New Plymouth. These catchments are experiencing a similar type and scale of growth.

Our planning for these areas will focus on ongoing monitoring of roll growth and residential developments to determine where we might need to consider enrolment schemes, network changes or additional teaching space. Our longer term plans allow for additional primary school provision if monitoring shows that it is necessary.



► Investment

Long term investment is required to deliver the NEGP, including in Bay of Plenty - Waiariki and Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatū.



► Planning

The Ministry will continue to engage with the education sector, to understand their ideas for managing the growth in their local schooling networks in the future.

Our plans are aligned with and enhanced through partnering with Councils and other government agencies.

We will continue to work directly with school communities as population projections are dynamic and subject to change over time.



► Solutions

Catchment plans present strategic solutions for managing education demand across New Zealand. Detailed response planning for each catchment will follow.

We will continue to work with schools to implement and amend enrolment schemes, apply schooling level changes, add in additional capacity and consider network structure as required across the regions.

For areas outside of the NEGP that are growing, we still plan to address this growth, using solutions such as roll growth classrooms to address increased demand.