

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...

Waikato and Hawke's Bay

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

1
catchment plan in Hawke's Bay

4
catchment plans in Waikato



►► 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.

Key facts

Growth in these areas has been influenced mainly by:



Residential developments



Population growth

Waikato

The Hamilton area is in the midst of dynamic change. Growth has exceeded expectations and is expected to continue. Enrolment in Māori medium education is expected to rise as the population grows.

Hawke's Bay

Havelock North has been identified as the highest growth area in the Hawke's Bay region.

Hamilton West	Hamilton East	Cambridge	Te Kauwhata	Havelock North
<p>Population growth has been significant and is expected to continue as new growth areas develop.</p> <p>We are planning to manage this growth by opening new schools and continuing to provide additional teaching space to existing schools as required.</p>	<p>More than half of Hamilton's population growth in the last 15 years has been in this area.</p> <p>We have opened four new schools since 2015, added new teaching space, and are investigating sites for future schools.</p>	<p>Additional greenfields developments are underway and population growth is expected to continue.</p> <p>We have plans to acquire land for additional schooling provision in the Cambridge area. We are also redeveloping Cambridge High School which will add more teaching space to the school.</p>	<p>Growth in the town is expected to take off as new residential areas develop.</p> <p>We anticipate additional teaching space will be required at existing schools, and site acquisition for two new primary schools is underway.</p>	<p>The majority of growth is expected through greenfield development in the western and north-eastern areas of Havelock North.</p> <p>We recently engaged with the community on the Havelock North Area Strategy looking at the long term plan for schooling in the catchment.</p> <p>We also have plans to relocate a wharekura to a new and bigger site. In recent years, funding for additional teaching spaces has been allocated to schools in the catchment.</p>



Investment

Long term investment is required to deliver the NEGP, including in Waikato and Hawke's Bay.



Planning

The Ministry has recently completed extensive consultation with the Havelock North community to understand their ideas for managing the growth in their local schooling network. In the Waikato, we are beginning to hui with whānau about Māori medium education. Engagement with our communities informs our future planning for schools.

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

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

For areas outside of the NEGP that are growing, we are providing roll growth classrooms to address increased demand.