

Director's message:



The Wakatipu Basin has experienced rapid growth over the last two decades. This growth looks set to continue in the decade ahead. While growth is exciting and provides opportunities and prosperity to regions, it also comes with challenges.

Our 2009 plan for growth was implemented ahead of schedule and we are excited to continue planning for the future of education with the Wakatipu Basin community. Engagement processes to date have told us the community values the natural environment, schools that are easily accessible and retaining community cohesion.

I am very pleased to present the following plan for growth for the Wakatipu Basin area out to 2030. The plan is holistic, taking into account community aspirations and need, whilst balancing our responsibilities as an effective steward of the wider education system.

Ngā mihi

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Wakatipu Basin's growth story

- The Wakatipu Basin is experiencing fast and dynamic growth. Queenstown is a High Growth Urban Area¹, and Queenstown Lakes District Council has been successful in securing \$40 million in MBIE's Housing Infrastructure Fund loans to fund new infrastructure at Quails Rise South, Ladies Mile and Kingston.
- Statistics NZ projects the population in the Basin to grow by around 20-25,000 by 2030. Our own projections modelled out to 2028 expect us to see an additional 900 – 1,350 school-aged students².
- We know growth in Wakatipu occurs rapidly, which leads to limited opportunities for suitable land for school sites.
- The 2018 capacity of the state primary school network is 2,700 student places. The capacity is expected to be exceeded by 2021-2022. The 2018 capacity of the secondary school network is 1,200 student places, and capacity is expected to be exceeded by 2022.

What have we done so far?

- Since 2009, we have delivered the Wakatipu Basin Growth Strategy. This has included changing school structures to support student pathways through full primary schools to Y9-15 secondary schooling.

- Enrolment schemes have been implemented and amended as new schools are established.
- Since 2010, we have invested approximately \$45 million in property responses to growth, including new teaching space at existing schools, two new schools, and the redevelopment and re-sizing of Arrowtown Primary School. We have also invested in the relocation of Wakatipu High School.

Planning for short-term growth (3 years)

- By 2023, our projections show an increase in population of between 325-500 primary-age children and between 350-375 secondary-aged children. We will meet this short-term demand through a variety of responses, including building new permanent capacity where it is needed. We will also deliver temporary spaces to schools where and when required.
- Three of the four state primary schools have enrolment schemes, which enables the management of high growth catchments.
- In December 2018, we acquired a site for a fifth primary school in Hanley Farms development, near Jack's Point. Timing for the establishment and construction of this school is yet to be confirmed, but could be within three years.
- In 2019, we will finalise a site acquisition plan for future primary and secondary school provision. We anticipate the acquisition plan to include 2-3 additional primary sites and one additional secondary site.
- Across the primary network, an additional 225 permanent and up to 175 temporary student places are expected to be required in the next three years to accommodate growth until a new school in Hanley Farms development is opened in 2021 (at the earliest). Further temporary spaces may be needed if the primary school opening is delayed.
- A new school is forecast within the current Shotover Primary School catchment and we are reviewing our timeframe for delivering this in light of recent developments.
- We will also need to expand Wakatipu High School by an additional 600 places as the primary school age population cohort moves through into secondary schooling.

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

In the medium term, we anticipate an additional 900 - 1,350 school-aged children will need to be accommodated in the Wakatipu Basin catchment by 2028². We're planning now to accommodate this growth. We will:

- Continue to collaborate with QLDC to determine the location of future residential growth so as to maximise the potential for walking and cycling to school.

- Complete land acquisition in accordance with the Site Acquisition Plan by 2025.
- Continue to monitor school rolls against master planned capacity, and establish new schools as monitoring determines it is necessary.
- Continue ongoing collaboration with the Kāhui Ako and wider community in relation to community preferences and governance structures for new schooling provision.

Beyond 2030

Beyond 2030, the student population in the Wakatipu Basin is anticipated to continue to grow, albeit at a slower rate. The population of primary school-aged students in the district is expected to plateau from about 2031 onwards and remain constant to 2043. Secondary school-aged student numbers are expected to continue to grow to 2043, however the scale of growth is significantly less than short-medium term growth.

The site acquisitions plan will position us to be able to respond to growing demand for schooling through to 2043. Roll growth monitoring will determine when the establishment of a new school/s is necessary.

Māori medium

In July 2017, there were 256 Māori students enrolled at schools across the Wakatipu Basin. Of the 256 students, 188 (46%) received no te reo instruction; with the remainder receiving Level 5 or 6 (less than 3 hours per week). With the exception of Arrowtown School, which provided Level 5, the primary schools all offered Level 6 Taha Māori. There is no te reo provision at Wakatipu High School.

Puna playgroup provides Māori medium learning in the early childhood sector. We plan to monitor Māori medium engagement in the early childhood sector and explore options to cater for demand at other levels of schooling.

Learning Support

As at May 2018, there were 14 ORS-verified students enrolled at schools in the Wakatipu Basin. These students are enrolled at six of seven primary and secondary state and state integrated schools in the Wakatipu Basin. The number of ORS students in the area is lower than other student populations with 0.36% of students ORS-verified, compared to national average levels of at least 1.0%.

There are no special school satellites hosted by local schools. The local schools have a strong culture of inclusive practice meeting the needs of students. We will continue to provide additional learning support through an integrated response by the schools rather than specific units or satellites.

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

² 2018-2028 Wakatipu Basin Education Growth Plan (2018)

Wakatipu Basin: Blueprint for Growth

New Zealand Education Growth Plan to 2030

This growth plan covers the Queenstown Lakes District in the Otago Southland education region. In the Wakatipu Basin catchment, there are 7 schools including 5 state schools and 2 state integrated schools. Of these, 6 are full primary schools and one a secondary school. As at July 2018, this catchment had a combined **school roll of 3,319 students**, including 13 ORS students. There are 14 ORS students, and no students enrolled in Māori Medium education.

What's influencing the Growth Plan

Rapid growth leading to limited land sites



If we do not respond early and future-proof for growth, there will be limited sites suitable for acquisition and they will come at a premium.

Current network will reach capacity



The primary network is projected to reach capacity by 2021 and the secondary network by 2022.

Uncertainty about rate of residential development



High risk that residential development will occur at a faster rate than projected requiring us to be flexible in the timing of our responses.

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



Enrolment schemes have been implemented at all but one of the state schools. Each enrolment scheme home zone takes account of the geographic constraint of the Basin and the site capacity available.



Acquisition of a site in Hanley Farms development was completed in late 2018.



Arrowtown School, Shotover Primary School and Remarkables Primary have already received funding for additional capacity.



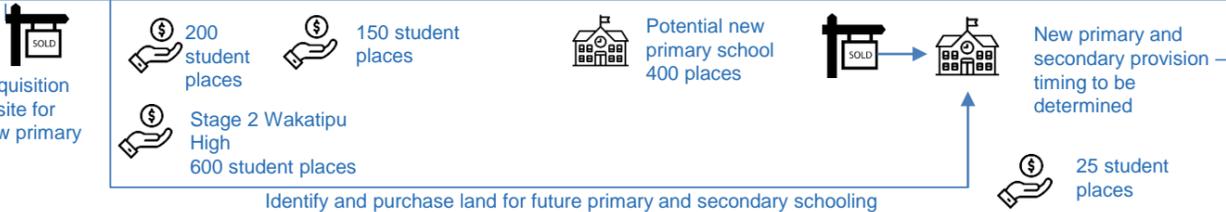
A non-denominational Christian school was integrated in 2011 to meet growing demand from the local community for access to this special character provision.

Growth Plan to 2030

2019

2022

2030



Enrolment Zones

» The enrolment scheme home zones form the basis for planning for future demand. However, all the growth can not be met through enrolment zones alone due to geographic constraint of the basin and the site capacity available at each school.



Network solutions

» The 2009 Wakatipu Basin Growth Strategy included changing school structures to support student pathways through full primary schools to Y9-15 secondary schooling.



Expanding Provision Type

» The Ministry will work alongside individual schools and the wider community to explore options as the demand for diverse educational options increases.

» There is little provision for Māori Medium. We plan to monitor Māori medium engagement in the early childhood sector and explore options to cater for demand at other levels of schooling.

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Roll growth funding

» Additional roll growth provision will meet a large proportion of growth demands in the short to medium term as all state schools have site capacity available except Remarkables Primary.



Establish New Schools

» A new primary school will be required in the short term. We anticipate a school on the Hanley Farms development site to be opened in 2021/22.

» Additional schools will be required in the medium-long term. Advice about future new schooling provision will be provided in conjunction with the land acquisition plan.

» We are currently reviewing our timeframes for primary provision in Ladies Mile.



Early acquisition of land

» Where there is scarcity of suitable land, early acquisition of sites will reduce costs and ensure that the Ministry will be able to respond to projected demand.

» Early acquisition increases the opportunity for collaborative planning with local government to ensure that sites:

- » are located close to community infrastructure such as halls, libraries and sports facilities.
- » maximise the potential of access via cycling and walking