

## Do you understand your school water supply?

**The Ministry of Education's Water Services team supports schools to meet the requirements of the Water Services Act 2021.** The team also collects and updates information on the nature and current condition of schools' water supplies.

Under the Act, schools are required to meet compliance obligations for their drinking water and wastewater. Funding has been allocated to upgrade the water systems of self-supplying schools most in need, with other funding becoming available for critical upgrades at schools on Council-supplied water.

If you plan to (or need to) upgrade your water supply, the Water Services team can help ensure it is cost-effective, future-proof, and meets regulatory obligations.

Further guidance for self-supplying schools is on the Ministry website (search 'Drinking water quality'). If you have further questions, please email the Water Services team at [water.services@education.govt.nz](mailto:water.services@education.govt.nz).

### Tips for a safe and efficient water supply

#### ► Get to know your water supply

including its piping system. Get a survey plan done if you don't have one.

#### ► Schedule regular inspections

of your water assets – pump, treatment system, wastewater disposal, meters, valves, and backflow devices. Schedule regular servicing and maintenance.

#### ► Measure your water usage

via the water meter. Record and review the data.

This will help you avoid high water bills and keep within water use limits.



(Taumata Arowai)