



Education Report: Agreement to enter into negotiations to establish and integrate Harvest Christian School in Kerikeri

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Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is for you to consider whether to agree to enter into integration negotiations with the New Zealand Christian Proprietors Trust (NZCPT), the prospective proprietor of a proposed Year 1 - 8 non-denominational Christian full primary school in Kerikeri. It is intended that the school would ultimately become a Year 1 – 13 composite school.

If you agree to this proposal the Ministry will negotiate an integration agreement with the proprietor on your behalf, and submit it for your consideration. We will also consult under section 420 of the Education Act 1989 (the Act) on establishment and integration of the proposed school.

Need for urgency

The lease for the site where a proportion of prospective students currently attend expires at the end of 2020. Negotiations to extend the lease for 2021 are currently under way. The owners have made it clear the lease will not be extended to 2022, as they have other plans for the property.

A site for the proposed school has been purchased by a Trust for lease to the proprietor, and resource consent for educational use is currently being sought from the Council. We expect this will be granted.

If you agree to initiate negotiations it is important we get consultation under way, especially given the extended time that will be needed under the current circumstances.

If negotiations for a new school are not approved, and students cannot attend the current site after 2021, the nearest Christian school is the main campus of Kaikohe Christian School, 36 km and 36 minutes away by road. The alternative would be for students to attend one of the Kerikeri schools, which are already overcrowded.

Summary

1. The NZCPT has applied for the establishment and integration of a Year 1 - 8 co-educational full primary school in Kerikeri, to be known as Harvest Christian School. (See Annex 1). If approved it is proposed that the school would open for instruction in 2021. We will advise in the Stage 2 report whether this will be possible, or whether a delay until 2022 will be more achievable.
2. It is proposed that the school would ultimately become a Year 1 - 13 composite school of up to 800 students, with 400 to 450 primary-aged students.
3. Any future request for an increased roll or year levels would need to be negotiated based on the demand on the local network at that time. We estimate that a final roll of 500 would be realistic to meet parent demand for this type of education in Kerikeri.
4. The applicant is a charitable trust. It has a sublease agreement with Faith Harvest Trust for the land on which the proposed school would be built, with a 30 year term. Faith Harvest Trust in turn has a 30 year lease from the J&R Whitehead Trust, which owns the property.
5. Under section 421 of the Education Act 1989 (the Act), you have sole ability to approve the establishment of a school as a state integrated school.
6. Section 418 of the Act requires a prospective proprietor to first apply to you to enter into negotiations for an integration agreement to integrate the school. Without limiting the factors that you may consider, you must consider the nature, character and capacity of the existing network of schools when considering any application to enter into integration negotiations.
7. The proposed special character of the school is described as "Biblical truth is central to our school community and shapes our character to be able to demonstrate God's love in all we do. Students will be grounded in God's word and challenged to achieve excellence in all areas as they prepare to use their gifts, talents and abilities effectively to follow God's purpose for their lives. Our educational learning will be based on a Christian world view."
8. NZCPT was initially approached to take over the proprietorship of "Kerikeri Christian School", a satellite of Kaikohe Christian School with a maximum and current roll of 36 students. This is not possible as the satellite and base school need the same proprietor, and instead NZCPT proposes to establish the current satellite as a stand-alone school. At this point "Kerikeri Christian School" must vacate its current campus at Waimate North at the end of 2020. We are pursuing the possibility of extending the lease for a further year if a 2022 opening of the proposed school is required.
9. Should the proposed school become integrated, a starting maximum roll of 120 students is envisaged, remaining in place to 2023. An ultimate maximum roll of 400 to 450 primary students is envisaged. However, increases would only be approved if the network analysis showed that there continued to be insufficient

capacity in the state network and increasing the number of teaching spaces at the school sites closest to that of the proposed school would be difficult and costly as outlined below. The initial build will accommodate 50 students, with the full Stage 1 build accommodating 125 students (five teaching spaces).

10. We have managed population growth in the area through using enrolment schemes and managing provision. The nearest schools to the site of the proposed new school have enrolment schemes and are at or near capacity. Although Kerikeri is not in the National Education Growth Plan (NEGP) it is an area with school-aged population growth.
11. As the population grows, increasing the number of teaching spaces at the school sites closest to that of the proposed school would be difficult and costly. Demolition and replacement with multi-storey buildings would be required at two of the sites, requiring future Budget approval for capital costs and temporary accommodation for existing students. We project that at a projected potential roll of 500, which we consider appropriate to meet demand for this type of education in Kerikeri, Harvest Christian School would enable us to avoid such measures for at least five years.
12. Within this environment the provision of a state integrated school will allow choice for parents.
13. If approved the school would receive establishment funding estimated at \$274,221 (excl GST). This includes furniture and equipment, and library funding.
14. Based on the 2023 projected roll the estimated operational cost to the Crown would be approximately \$66,000.
15. The school is not eligible for whole school Policy 2 funding. NZCPT has signalled that this application is not dependent on Policy 2 funding, but has planned for some Policy 2 classroom funding in the school's growth plan. You should note that Policy 2 funding is discretionary. At present we have Policy 2 funding for 3-4 teaching spaces a year for the next three years. This funding is therefore commonly provided only to high priority projects.
16. We support this application for the following reasons:
 - Although not in the National Education Growth Plan, Kerikeri is an area in the Tai Tokerau region with some school-aged population growth. We have managed growth to date by providing teaching space to the site capacity and implementing enrolment schemes. Managed growth of the proposed school could reduce the need for Ministry-supplied roll growth classrooms in future.
 - The nearest schools are near or at capacity, and have enrolment schemes in place.
 - It would be difficult and costly to provide additional capacity in the ordinary state school network to meet population growth, requiring future Budget bids. It would also present logistics issues to temporarily accommodate students during site works.
 - The proposal meets current Cabinet guidelines for the establishment of integrated schools.

- There has historically been a demand for Christian education provision in Kerikeri, currently being only partly met by the off-site unit of Kaikohe Christian School. There is no other such provision between Kaikohe and Kaitia.
 - The proposed school's future growth could be managed to match population growth so as not to negatively impact on local state schools. We do not expect any state school to be adversely affected by the proposed initial roll.
 - No school is likely to become marginal as a result of the school being established.
17. If you agree to enter into negotiations for the establishment and integration of the proposed school, we will undertake the required consultation and negotiate the terms of an integration agreement on your behalf. A further report will then be provided to you for your consideration.

Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends you:

- a. **note** that the New Zealand Christian Proprietors Trust (NZCPT) has applied to enter into negotiations for the establishment and integration of a Year 1-8 co-educational primary school in Kerikeri, to be known as Harvest Christian School;
- Noted**
- b. **note** that Kerikeri is an area of some school-aged population growth, although not on the National Education Growth Plan, with a number of local schools already operating enrolment schemes to manage capacity issues;
- Noted**
- c. **note** that the proposed school is not eligible for "whole-of-school" Policy 2 funding, but that NZCPT has signalled that it would proceed with or without it to grow the school in the future. Entering into negotiations is independent of any subsequent application that the proprietor might make for Policy 2 classroom funding;
- Noted**

- d. **agree** under section 418 of the Act to enter into negotiations for an integration agreement under section 421 of the Act for the proposed new school;

Agree / Disagree

- e. **If you agree to recommendation d, sign** the attached letters to the proprietor and local Members of Parliament, notifying them of your decision to enter into negotiations;

- f. **note** that if you decline the application we will prepare a decline letter for your signature;

Noted

- g. **agree** to proactively release this Education Report once a final decision is made. Any information that might need to be withheld will be done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

Release / Not Release



Katrina Casey
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18/6/2020



Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

1/7/2020

Background

1. Kaikohe Christian School currently operates a Year 1-8 co-educational satellite unit in Waimate, having relocated it from Kerikeri in 2012. It is known as Kerikeri Christian School, and has a maximum and current roll of 36 students. At this point its lease expires at the end of 2020. The proprietor has asked NZCPT to take over the unit.
2. Two options were considered – running a new site as a satellite of another Christian School (Excellere College, which is a Year 1 – 13 composite school), or establishing a new stand-alone school. The latter was considered the better option. NZCPT also considers it desirable to return provision closer to Kerikeri.
3. To effect this, the J&R Whitehead Trust has purchased a property for the proposed school and established the Faith Harvest Trust. The latter leases the property from the former, and then subleases it to NZCPT as the proposed proprietor. The lease is for 30 years (10 years with two 10 year rights of renewal).

Integration Process and Consultation

4. Under section 421 of the Education Act 1989 (the Act), you have sole ability to approve the establishment of a school as a state integrated school.
5. Section 418 of the Act requires a prospective proprietor to first apply to you to enter into negotiations for an integration agreement to integrate the school in question. Without limiting the factors that you may consider, you must consider the nature, character and capacity of the existing network of schools when considering any application to enter into integration negotiations.
6. Factors that we recommend you take into account when considering an application under section 418 of the Act are:
 - whether the special character is genuine and different from that existing in other ordinary state schools
 - whether there is evidence of demand for a school with such a character within the catchment
 - whether the benefits of diversity provided by this school will outweigh the increased costs of managing and monitoring the addition of the school to the state school network
 - whether the sustainability of demand for places at the school will continue
 - the capacity of the network – we do not recommend that an integrated school be established in an area where rolls are declining and there is spare capacity in the network
 - whether approval will make other schools marginal, by causing students to leave their current school
 - any impact on school transport provision
 - curriculum and management quality for the proposed school
 - whether and how safety issues are addressed, including pastoral care of children
 - the tenure and security of land and buildings.

7. To be eligible to apply for the integration of a school the proposed proprietor must be a body corporate and own, lease, or hold in trust the property to be integrated. NZCPT is an incorporated charitable trust, and leases the property proposed for the new school.
8. An approval to enter into negotiations would complete Stage One of the integration process. This is followed by Stage Two, which involves the applicant and the Ministry of Education (acting on your behalf) negotiating an integration agreement under section 421 of the Act, which is then sent to you for consideration and, if you agree, execution.
9. Should you agree to the recommendations in this report, we will consult, under section 420 of the Act, on your behalf with schools whose rolls might be affected by establishment of the school (Annex 2 lists these schools). We anticipate consultation could take longer than the usual four to six weeks, depending on the Coronavirus alert level active at the time. It is important to allow time for boards to discuss the issue at a board meeting before submitting a response.
10. A summary of the consultation feedback will be provided within the Integration Stage Two Education Report, so that you can consider any issues raised in the context of the proposed agreement.

Application

11. The proposed new school would be situated on Waipapa Road, within 2 km of the Kerikeri town centre. (See Annex 3 for a map of the proposed school and other schools servicing the Kaikohe area).
12. The proposed new school would serve the wider Kerikeri area, filling a gap between the two nearest non-denominational Christian Schools, in Kaikohe and Kaitiāia.
13. The application arises due to the pending closure of the offsite campus of Kaikohe Christian School and would initially cater for that unit's 36 primary-aged students. It will also address growth in the Kerikeri area.
14. It is proposed that the school would open in 2021 with an initial capacity of 110 student places (four teaching spaces). A further four teaching spaces could be added by 2023, subject to funding and maximum roll approval. An ultimate maximum roll of 400 to 450 primary students is envisaged, with the school becoming a Year 1–13 composite school with a total maximum roll of 800 students. The 4.9 ha site is sufficient for this roll.
15. It is not clear at this point whether a 2021 opening would be possible, but it seems unlikely it would be possible by the beginning of Term 1. If you agree to enter negotiations we will advise in the Stage 2 report whether opening would need to be deferred until 2022. NZCPT and Kaikohe Christian School are pursuing the possibility of the Waimate site lease being extended for a year in this eventuality.

16. The following table sets out projected rolls for the first three years of operation:

Table 1: Projected rolls for Harvest Christian School 2020 to 2023

	2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Classrooms	Roll	Classrooms	Roll	Classrooms	Roll	Classrooms	Roll
NE	1	5	2	12		15		20
Year 1		1		11		13		15
Year 2		2		9		11		13
Year 3		4		6		9		11
Year 4		8		15	2	5	2	9
Year 5	1	4	2	15		15		5
Year 6		5		9		15		15
Year 7		6		12		9		15
Year 8		4		8	2	9	2	9
EOY TOTAL	2	39	4	97	4	101	4	112

Ministry analysis of proposed school

Cabinet guidelines

17. On 9 July 2001 the Cabinet Education and Health Committee agreed to a set of guidelines to govern applications for integration of private schools and the establishment of designated character schools, to provide transparency and consistency of decision making [EHC Min (01) 7/5 refers]. Those criteria are as follows:
- The school's roll, within three years of approval will be at least 100 students for a primary school, 200 students for a composite school, and 300 students for a secondary school.
 - There is already an existing state school available to students within the local network of schools, or all parents in the community seek an education based on the proposed special character.
 - The new school will not cause any other school in the local network of schools to become marginal (meaning that it causes those schools to fall below the minimum roll numbers or that the medium term effect on neighbouring schools is sufficient to cause those schools to cut back on their curriculum delivery).
 - The applicants must demonstrate that they support the government's broad goals for education and that the school will be generally available to a broad cross section of those New Zealanders who subscribe to the school's special character; and that the special character is meritorious, to some degree unique, and not in conflict with the Education Act 1989.
 - The applicant has the necessary skill and experience to successfully administer a school and that this includes the ability to deliver the New Zealand curriculum.

18. The application meets these guidelines as discussed in this report.

The proposed proprietor

19. The NZ Christian Proprietors Trust has established experience in providing proprietorship support for a number of state integrated schools. These operate successfully to provide education within the New Zealand curriculum.

Special Character

20. The special character of the proposed school is described as "Biblical truth is central to our school community and shapes our character to be able to demonstrate God's love in all we do. Students will be grounded in God's word and challenged to achieve excellence in all areas as they prepare to use their gifts, talents and abilities effectively to follow God's purpose for their lives. Our educational learning will be based on a Christian world view."

School size

21. The proposed school is projected to grow to a roll of 100 within the first three years. We consider that the proposed final size of the school (a Year 1 – 13 composite school with a maximum roll of 800) would have a sufficient secondary roll to provide a breadth of options within a secondary curriculum.
22. If the proposed final size were to be considered too large to meet Cabinet guidelines in relation to impact on the state school network the school could be limited to a primary school or restricted composite school while continuing to meet Cabinet guidelines for roll size.

Network Implications

National Education Growth Plan (NEGP)

23. The NEGP identifies what we know from a range of sources about the anticipated locations and patterns of growth in school-aged children, as well as identifying measures that the Government might need to consider in order to meet growth through to 2030.
24. While Northland as a whole has experienced 18% growth between Census 2013 and Census 2018, Kerikeri is not a high growth area in the NEGP. However, it is part of the National Education Network Plan and is in an area where some growth in the school-aged population is projected, and where some of the schools are near capacity, especially near Kerikeri itself.
25. Population growth in the area will be significantly influenced by the Regional Growth Fund projects moving forward, and employment post-COVID-19.

Roll projections

26. The applicant has indicated that, should the school be established and integrated, it would seek to open with a maximum roll of 120 students, steadily increasing to a maximum roll of 400 to 450 primary-age students. Any future increases would be assessed in relation to school-age population trends at that time.
27. Before 2012 the Kaikohe Christian School satellite unit had a maximum roll of 75, and an actual roll close to that. When it relocated from Kerikeri to Waimate, its roll reduced, partly due to the distance from Kerikeri over roads that carried some safety risks, and partly because Year 9+ students transferred to Kaikohe. We expect there is a sufficient pool of current students to achieve the applicant's initial roll targets.

Primary schools

28. The following are the local primary schools ("ES" designates an enrolment scheme):

- Bay of Islands International Academy (ES)
- Kawakawa School
- Kerikeri Primary School (ES)
- Ohaeawai School
- Okaihau Primary School
- Opuā School
- Oromahoe School
- Paihia School
- Pakaraka School
- Riverview School (ES).

29. The nearest primary school, Kerikeri Primary School, is near capacity and operates an enrolment scheme. Riverview School is the next closest, is over capacity, and also operates an enrolment scheme. Although there is some capacity in the primary school network, some school-aged population growth is expected and the proposed initial maximum roll of 120 students is not expected to negatively impact on this network.

30. Managed growth could reduce the need for Ministry-provided roll-growth classrooms at local state schools in future.

31. We would not expect any school to become marginal as a result of establishment of the proposed school.

Secondary schools

32. The following are the local secondary and composite schools ("ES" designates an enrolment scheme):

- Bay of Islands College
- Kerikeri High School (ES)
- Moerewa School (Year 1 – 10 composite school)
- Okaihau College (ES)
- Springbank School (Year 1 – 13 composite school)
- Whangaroa College.

33. The nearest secondary school, Kerikeri High School, is near capacity and operates an enrolment scheme. Although there is some capacity in the secondary school network, some school- aged population growth is expected. Managed extension of the proposed school to incorporate secondary education could reduce the need for Ministry-provided roll-growth classrooms in future.

Management of the network

34. To date the demand in Kerikeri has been met by providing teaching spaces up to the capacities of the respective sites. We have also implemented enrolment schemes in the local schools.
35. The Kerikeri High School and Kerikeri Primary School sites are relatively constrained and the provision of further teachings spaces would be complex, requiring some redevelopment of existing facilities.
36. It would be difficult to add additional teaching spaces to Riverview School.
37. Bay of Islands International Academy school has some site capacity but is outside of the town area.
38. To date we have secured funding for 50 additional teaching spaces over the financial years from 2019 to 2023. Over the next three years we expect to complete 24 of the 50 teaching spaces on the less complicated sites.
39. Seventy-five percent of the four-year funding allocation from Budget 2019 for providing roll-growth classrooms has already been allocated.
40. Providing multi-storey capacity (through site redevelopment) would be costly and require future Budget bids.
41. Although projected increased demand is expected to exceed current school capacities, it is not sufficient to warrant building a new primary school and secondary school. Similarly, we would not consider it appropriate to build a new Year 1-13 school. The latter is essentially what the current application could ultimately provide, placing any capital risk on the proprietor rather than the Crown.
42. If needed we would implement the proposed plan for additional capacity in the local Kerikeri state schools. As noted, with tight sites it will be both challenging and costly. We project that establishing Harvest Christian School and providing for an eventual roll of 500 would absorb secondary growth that would otherwise put pressure on Kerikeri High school for at least five years.
43. Provision of additional state integrated schooling will provide additional choice for parents.

Enrolment schemes

44. Enrolment schemes are currently in place at three nearby primary schools and two secondary schools. These schools will each have a proportion of the target student population for the proposed school.

Property and Resourcing

45. The applicant leases the property and will build the school. NZCPT advises that it will seek Policy 2 funding in the future for additional classrooms (it is not eligible for whole school Policy 2 funding), but is able to build the school without it.
46. Policy 2 funding is discretionary for schools that meet the criteria. It funds 85% of the above ground costs for schools that are in areas where the state network is at 85% capacity, and where it would save the Crown from funding property at state schools. Currently Policy 2 funding provides of 3-4 teaching spaces a year, across state integrated school network. Most proprietors apply for it, but ensure

that they have a plan for managing costs without it as it is only a small fund for all state integrated schools. This funding is therefore commonly provided only to high priority projects.

47. If approved the school would receive establishment funding estimated at \$274,221 (excl GST). This includes furniture and equipment, and library funding.
48. Based on the 2023 projected roll the estimated operational cost to the Crown would be approximately \$66,000.

Finances

49. NZCPT is the proprietor of eight schools, acting as a national provider of proprietorship services operating through local trusts throughout New Zealand. As such it does not accumulate assets or funds for direct provision of schools. For the year ending 31 December 2018 the trust recorded income of around \$4.7 million, with a surplus of \$28,876. It records \$447,701 in current assets and \$212,862 in equity.
50. We consider the proprietor to have sufficient financial resources to meet its obligations in relation to the proposed school.
51. If you agree to enter into negotiations to establish and integrate the proposed school, details of salary costs and operating costs per year will be provided to you as part of the Stage Two report. The cost estimates will be based on an initial maximum roll of 120 students and roll projections for subsequent years.

The proposed school's budget

52. The applicant has provided a draft budget for 2021, indicating a small surplus.

Policy Two funding

53. The following criteria need to be met for the proposed school to qualify for Policy Two funding:
 - Current demand within the network's capacity must be greater than 85%.
 - Projected demand for schooling will exceed the current capacity of the network within ten years.
 - A state school is likely to be required if an integrated school is not provided (when "whole of school" funding is being sought).
54. The Year 1-8 schooling network is 92 percent utilised.
55. Modelling indicates that the initial maximum roll of 120 would primarily come from Kerikeri Primary School, which is at 94% capacity, followed by Year 7 and 8 students at Kerikeri High School (currently at capacity), and Riverview School, bringing its roll to within capacity (it is currently over capacity). The only primary schools around the 100 student recommended minimum roll are Bay of Islands International Academy and Opua School. We would not anticipate students coming from these schools due to the type of education at the former (International Baccalaureate) and the distance of the latter (40 km by road).
56. Population projections to 2040 indicate that the Year 7-8 network will remain within capacity over this period, and no new school would be required.

57. Accordingly the proposed school does not meet the third criterion, and is therefore not eligible for "whole of school" Policy 2 funding.

School transport

58. Subject to criteria including absence of suitable public transport, school transport assistance may be provided in the form of conveyance allowance or a place on a Ministry bus. The special character status of the school will be taken into account when considering the provision of school transport assistance. Students attending a state integrated school must attend the closest school of its type to be eligible for school transport assistance. The next closest non-denominational Christian schools are in Kaikohe and Kaitiaia.

Staffing

59. We will provide you with a breakdown of staffing costs and levels in the Stage Two report.

Risks and issues

60. There is a risk that the population might not grow quickly enough to match projected roll increases, leaving some surplus capacity in the ordinary state secondary school network. This is unlikely to be an issue for an initial maximum roll of 120, which is sufficient for a primary school under Cabinet guidelines. Maximum rolls beyond 2023 would be negotiated to manage long-term capacity, ensuring surplus capacity is not created in the ordinary state school system.
61. Initially, 36 students will come from the existing Kaikohe Christian School satellite unit. The additional 84 students would have little network impact.
62. If the school were not ready to open for 2021 and the current lease at Waimate could not be extended for a year there would need to be alternative arrangements for approximately 36 students for one year. We would develop a contingency plan if you agree to enter negotiations.

Conclusion

63. The Ministry supports the application from NZCPT to enter into integration negotiations for the establishment and integration of the proposed new school, for the following reasons:
- a. Although not in the National Education Growth Plan, Kerikeri is an area in the Tai Tokerau region with some school-aged population growth.
 - b. We have managed growth to date by providing teaching space to the site capacity and implementing enrolment schemes. The nearest schools are near or at capacity, and have enrolment schemes in place.
 - c. The four-year Budget 2019 allocation for roll-growth classrooms is already 75% committed to schools with higher priority than those in Kerikeri.
 - d. It would be difficult and costly to provide additional capacity in the ordinary state school network to meet population growth, requiring future Budget bids. It would also present logistics issues to temporarily accommodate students during site works.

- e. The proposed school could therefore avoid the need for this cost and disruption. We project this could be avoided for at least five years.
- f. The proposal meets current Cabinet guidelines for the establishment of integrated schools.
- g. There has historically been a demand for Christian education provision in Kerikeri, currently being only partly met by the off-site unit of Kaikohe Christian School. There is no other such provision between Kaikohe and Kaitaia. We estimate that a final roll of 500 would realistically meet parent demand for this type of education in Kerikeri.
- h. The proposed school's future growth could be managed to match population growth so as not to negatively impact on local state schools. We do not expect any state school to be adversely affected by the proposed initial roll.
- i. No school is likely to become marginal as a result of the school being established.

Next Steps

- 64. If you agree to enter negotiations you are asked to sign the letters to the proprietor and local MPs (see Annex 4).
- 65. We would then negotiate an integration agreement your behalf, and consult with schools whose rolls might be affected and with appropriate sector bodies.
- 66. Following this we would prepare a Stage 2 report, outlining the results of consultation and providing a proposed integration agreement for your consideration. We would also clarify whether the school would open in 2021 or 2022, and whether the existing lease for the Kaikohe Christian School satellite can be extended in the latter case.
- 67. If you do not agree to enter negotiations we will prepare a decline letter for your signature.

Proactive Release

- 68. If you decide to enter negotiations for integration we recommend that this report be proactively released once a final decision is made. Any information that might need to be withheld will be done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.
- 69. If you decide to decline the application we propose to proactively release this report in the next proactive release cycle, in line with your expectations.

Annexes

- Annex 1: Application for establishment and integration of a new Year 1 -8 Christian primary school in Kerikeri
- Annex 2: Schools for Consultation

Annex 3: Location of proposed new school in Kerikeri, other local schools, and Kaikohe Christian School student locations

Annex 4: Approval letters and letters to MPs

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Annex 1: Application for establishment and integration of a new Year 1 -8
Christian primary school in Kerikeri

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Annex 2: Schools for consultation

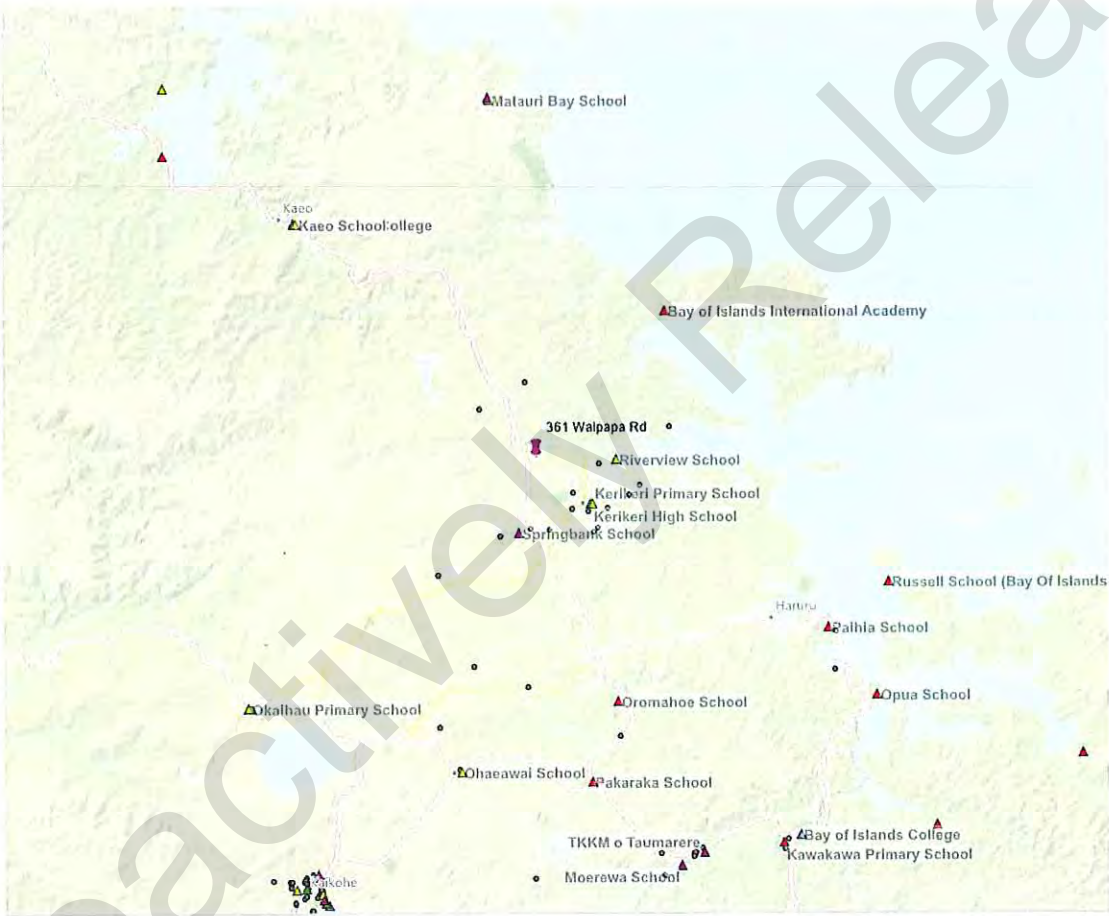
The following is a list of existing schools whose rolls we consider might be affected by the establishment and integration of Harvest Christian School ("ES" designates an enrolment scheme).

ID	School Name	School Type	Authority
<i>Primary/ composite schools</i>			
1112	Bay of Islands International Academy (ES)	Full primary	State
1033	Kawakawa School	Full primary	State
1034	Kerikeri Primary School (ES)	Contributing primary	State
2103	Moerewa School	1 – 10 composite	State
1058	Ohaeawai School	Contributing primary	State
1059	Okaihau Primary School	Contributing primary	State
1063	Opua School	Full primary	State
1065	Oromahoe School	Full primary	State
1072	Paihia School	Full primary	State
1073	Pakaraka School	Full primary	State
1594	Riverview School (ES)	Contributing primary	State
436	Springbank School	1 – 13 composite	Private
<i>Secondary schools</i>			
8	Bay of Islands College	9 – 13 secondary	State
5	Kerikeri High School (ES)	7 – 13 secondary	State
7	Okaihau College (ES)	7 – 13 secondary	State
4	Whangaroa College	7 – 13 secondary	State

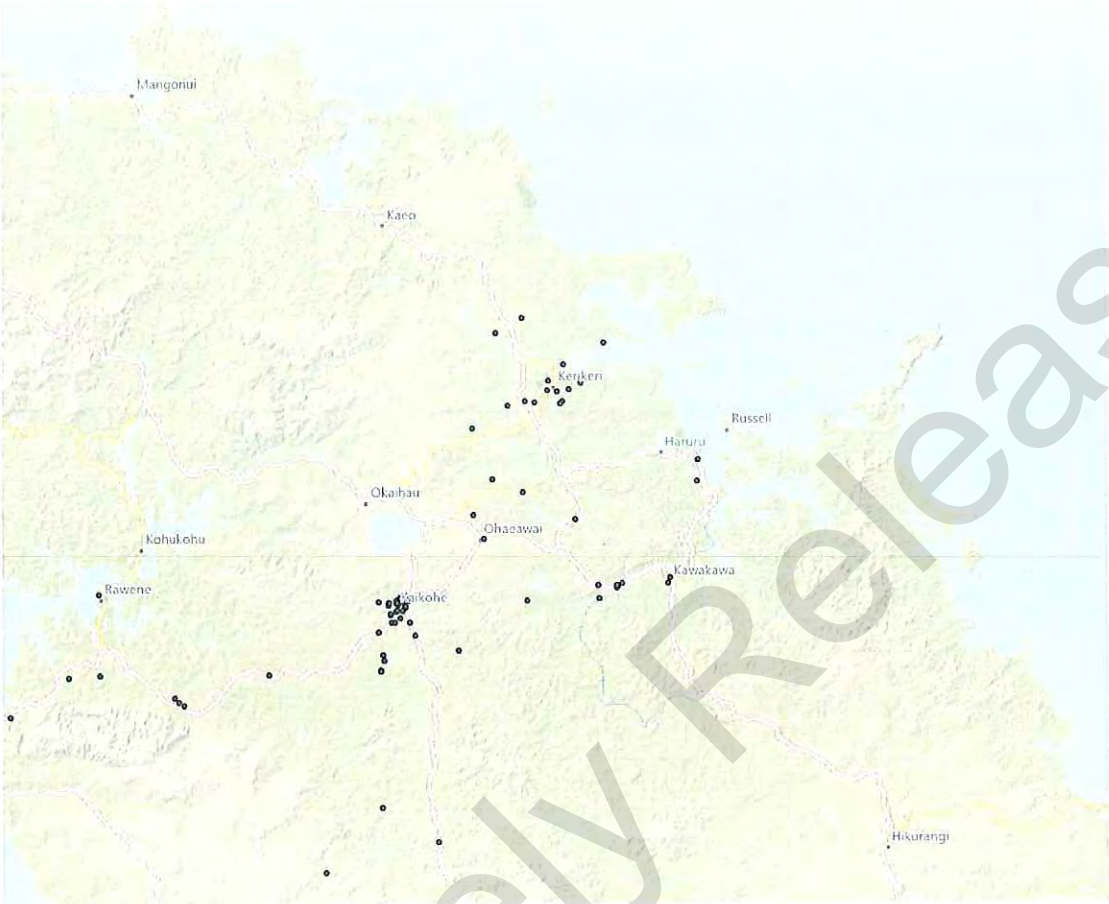
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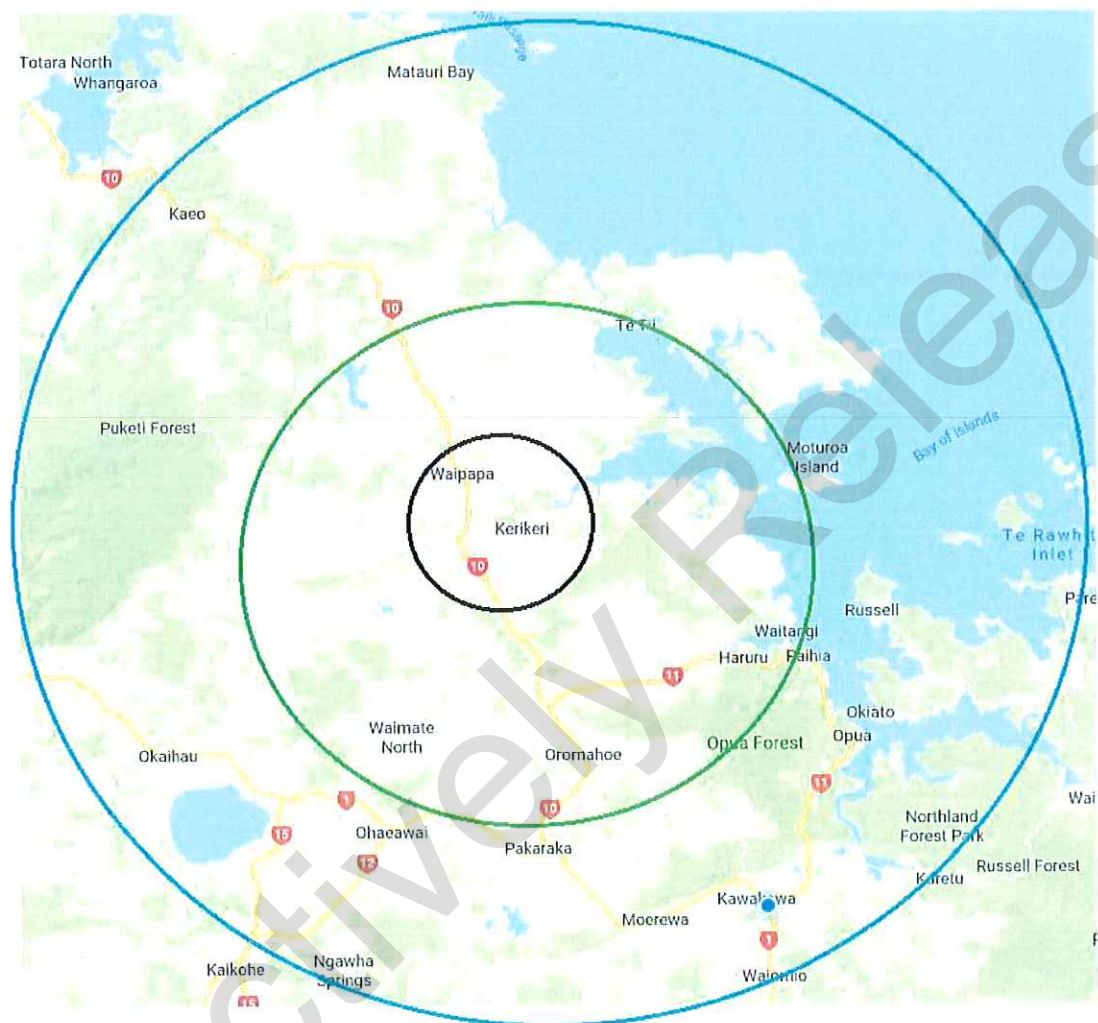
Approximately 48 current Kaikohe Christian School students possibly enrolling at the proposed Harvest Christian School in Kerikeri:

Distance	Number of students	Percentage
10 km	23	51%
18 km	30	66%
22 km	42	93%



Student Distribution March 2019 Roll school, 1175 Kaikohe Christian School.





Proactively Released

Warren Peat
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Dear Warren

Thank you for your application seeking to enter into integration negotiations for the establishment and integration of a year 1 - 8 Christian primary school in Kerikeri, to be known as Harvest Christian School.

I am pleased to advise that I am approving your application to enter into integration negotiations for this proposed school.

On my behalf, the Ministry will undertake consultation with relevant schools and institutions alongside the negotiation process.

I propose that as a starting point for negotiations the maximum roll of the new school would initially be 120 subject to the provision of adequate teaching space. Subsequent increases to this would allow for staged growth of the school in the future.

The Ministry of Education's Whangarei office will be in contact with you shortly to progress integration negotiations. Your primary contact is Richard Abel (email: Richard.abel@education.govt.nz or phone: 027 271 3296).

Yours sincerely



Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

cc Paul Ferris, CEO, Association of Proprietors of Integrated Schools
Hira Gage, Director of Education for Tai Tokerau

Matt King
MP for Northland
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON 6160

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