



Education Report: Tranche 2 - Approval for State schools to provide education to students outside NZ during Covid-19

To:	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education		
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Purpose of report

This paper:

- **seeks** your approval for six schools to temporarily provide education to eligible students outside New Zealand, as provided for in Schedule 1, clause 11 of the Education and Training Act 2020 (the Act).

Summary

1. The Ministry and New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) have assessed a total of 18 applications from schools to temporarily provide education and/or the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) to students outside New Zealand:
 - a. You have previously approved eight of these schools (METIS 1239346) and noted that a further three were from schools that did not require your approval to provide education offshore.
 - b. We are seeking further information from one school before we make a recommendation.
 - c. We consider that the six remaining schools meet the approved criteria.
2. We recommend that you approve these six schools in accordance with Schedule 1, clause 11 of the Education and Training Act 2020.

Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends that you:

- a. **note** that Ministry of Education officials and NZQA have assessed a total of 18 applications from schools for their capacity and capability to deliver education offshore
Noted
- b. **note** that the Ministry is seeking more information from one school: Sacred Heart College (Glendowie)

Noted

- c. **note** that the Ministry considers a further six schools meet the approved criteria for providing education to students based offshore

Noted

- d. **agree** to approve the six State and State integrated schools in the table below to temporarily provide education to their eligible students outside New Zealand, in accordance with Schedule 1, clause 11 of the Education and Training Act 2020:

Columba College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Mahurangi College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Mt Aspiring College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Papanui High School	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Roncalli College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Tauranga Boys' College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree

- e. **note** that NZQA has provisionally approved three of the above schools to provide NCEA to students outside New Zealand, subject to your approval. NZQA has not yet informed these schools of its decision and will do so following your decision on approval

Noted

Proactive release

- f. **agree** that this Education Report is proactively released as part of the next publication.

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree


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Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

29/1/2021

Background

1. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, you have temporary power under the Education and Training Act 2020 (the Act) to approve State and State-integrated schools to provide education to eligible students outside New Zealand (Schedule 1, clause 11). To be eligible, students must have been enrolled at the school for the 2020 school year on or before 3 July 2020.
2. NZQA has temporary power under the Act (Schedule 1, clause 12) to approve registered (including private) schools to provide NCEA to eligible students in accordance with their Rules. Private schools do not require your approval to provide education offshore.
3. These provisions expire on 31 December 2022.

Criteria for offering education offshore

4. You have approved the following criteria for considering State and State-integrated schools' applications to provide education to students outside New Zealand (refer METIS 1240810):
 - a. Students are eligible and have a 2020 enrolment with the school on or before 3 July.
 - b. The school has the capability to provide suitable and quality distance learning and assessment to students outside NZ.
 - c. The school has the capability to provide suitable information and support for learning and wellbeing to students outside NZ.

Overview of applications

5. The Ministry and NZQA have a joint application process, and as at 9 December, we have received a total of 18 applications.
6. You previously approved the following applications in (METIS 1239346). You also noted that St Cuthbert's College, St Peter's School (Cambridge) and Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu did not require your approval to provide education offshore. These schools were approved by NZQA.

School Number	School Name
6977	Hobsonville Point Secondary School
87	Howick College
46	Liston College
245	Rathkeale College
47	St Dominic's Catholic College (Henderson)
478	Wainuiomata High School
37	Westlake Boys' High School
428	Whangamatā Area School
68	St Cuthbert's College
141	St Peter's School (Cambridge)
498	Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu

7. The following table shows the applications currently under consideration:

School Number	School Name	Minister Approval Status	NZQA approval Status
386	Columba College	Recommended for approval	Provisionally approved*
24	Mahurangi College	Recommended for approval	Not applicable
533	Mt Aspiring College	Recommended for approval	Not approved
316	Papanui High School	Recommended for approval	Not applicable
358	Roncalli College	Recommended for approval	Provisionally approved*
121	Tauranga Boys' College	Recommended for approval	Provisionally approved*
59	Sacred Heart College (Glendowie)	Seeking further information	

**NZQA has provisionally approved, pending your approval to deliver education offshore.*

8. A Ministry panel of officials assessed each of the schools against the approved criteria about the schools' capacity and capability to deliver education offshore. We confirmed the eligibility of individual students' enrolment information, the suitability of the proposed learning programmes for distance provision and the arrangements for pastoral care of the students concerned. The panel also sought comment from the Ministry's regional offices on all applications.
9. We continue to seek clarity from schools where required, such as:
 - a. For copies of signed enrolment contracts where students were not entered on the ENROL system;
 - b. About the specific consultation held with teaching staff to ensure staff had appropriate opportunities to raise concerns about delivering to students overseas;
 - c. How specific learning programmes, for example, catering and painting, had been adjusted to be suitable for distance provision, while ensuring authenticity of students' own work;
 - d. How the provision of pastoral care would be done via distance, eg accessing guidance counsellors via zoom rather than face-to-face.
10. We recommend approving the following six schools: Columba College (for the 2021 school year), Mahurangi College, Mount Aspiring College, Papanui High School, Roncalli College and Tauranga Boys' College. These schools have demonstrated they have eligible students, and the capacity and capability to deliver education offshore.
11. We are seeking additional information from Sacred Heart College (Glendowie) before making a recommendation early in the new year.
12. NZQA has provisionally approved three schools to temporarily provide NCEA outside New Zealand.

13. You and NZQA previously approved 61 students to receive education and the provision of assessment for NCEA through these arrangements. By approving the above six schools you will be approving a further 12 students to receive education, bringing the total to 73 students. These numbers are expected to fluctuate as more students return to their home countries, and others end their enrolments with New Zealand schools. The Ministry and NZQA, as appropriate, will confirm with schools the eligibility of individual students as this happens.

Schools recommended for your approval

14. Columba College is a decile 10 primary co-ed, single sex (girls) secondary State integrated composite (Year 1-15) school based in Dunedin. The school has a roll of 615 students, with 38 international students. Columba College has been provisionally approved by NZQA to deliver NCEA offshore, subject to your approval for them to deliver education offshore.
15. Mahurangi College is a decile 7 co-ed, State secondary (Year 7-15) school based in Auckland. The school has a roll of 1450 students, with 33 international students. NZQA has confirmed that they are not delivering NCEA.
16. Mt Aspiring College is a decile 10 co-ed, State secondary (Year 7-15) school based in Wanaka. The school has a roll of 1105, with four international students. Mt Aspiring College has not been provisionally approved by NZQA to deliver NCEA offshore. While the delivery will not be direct through Mt Aspiring College, it will be through an established virtual learning network (VLN) Net NZ. Net NZ has a memorandum of understanding with the College to deliver the specific course (Korean) to the student and retains responsibility of enrolment. If you approve them to deliver education offshore, NZQA and the Ministry will discuss the application with the College.
17. Papanui High School is a decile 7 co-ed, State secondary (Year 9-15) school based in Christchurch. The school has a roll of 1535 students, with 29 international students. NZQA has confirmed that they are not delivering NCEA.
18. Roncalli College is a decile 7 co-ed, State integrated secondary (Year 9-15) school based in Timaru. The school has a roll of 501 students, with 15 international students. Roncalli College has been provisionally approved by NZQA to deliver NCEA offshore, subject to your approval for them to deliver education offshore.
19. Tauranga Boys' College is a decile 6, single sex (boys), State secondary (Year 9-15) school based in Tauranga. The school has a roll of 1944 students, with 38 international students. Tauranga Boys' College has been provisionally approved by NZQA to deliver NCEA offshore, subject to your approval for them to deliver education offshore.

NZQA not approved

20. One school has not been approved by NZQA to deliver NCEA offshore. Mt Aspiring College's application to deliver offshore education to one student involved a VLN Net NZ contract. However, this falls under 6.4 of the NZQA Offshore Provision of NCEA Rules 2020 as a sub-contracting arrangement and the College is therefore ineligible to deliver NCEA.
21. If you approve Mt Aspiring College to deliver education to the student, the Ministry and NZQA will discuss the outcome with the school.

Next Steps

22. We will provide a copy of this Education Report to NZQA to confirm your approval of the schools listed in recommendation (d) above to provide education outside New Zealand. This will meet Criterion 1 of the NZQA rules: *"State schools must have obtained Ministerial approval under clause 11 of Schedule 1 of the Act"*, and NZQA can then approve those schools to provide NCEA outside New Zealand.
23. The Ministry will notify the six recommended State and State integrated schools of your approval for their provision of education to eligible students outside New Zealand.
24. The Ministry and NZQA, as appropriate, will confirm with the approved schools which students meet the enrolment eligibility criteria.