



Briefing Note: Enrich@ILT opening and speech notes

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Purpose of Report

The purpose of this paper is to:

Provide you with background information on Enrich@ILT in Invercargill and speech notes for opening the new premises.

Summary

- You have accepted an invitation to open the new Enrich@ILT premises in Invercargill, including making a short speech. The event is at 2pm on Friday 5 August.
- The attendees will include ILT Foundation board members and local school principals.
- Enrich@ILT (Enrich) is a centre for gifted and talented students in Invercargill, delivering for learners in Years 3 to 6.
- The organisation is funded by the Invercargill Licensing Trust (ILT) and the ILT Foundation.

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Background

- 1. Enrich is a one-day school for gifted learners. It was formed in 2009, and it has a current roll of 200 learners. 40 learners attend per day from Invercargill primary schools. The roll has grown from about 30 when it was formed.
- 2. The Centre Manager is Peter Forde. There are five teaching staff, including the manager. Peter Forde was on the Enrich board prior to taking on the management role.
- Enrich operates as an independent education facility. It did receive support from the New Zealand Centre for Gifted Education (NZCGE) for the first seven years of its operation, including access to the Mindplus curriculum and teacher support. It has operated totally independently since 2020 and has developed its own curriculum based on current evidence-based practice.
- 4. Enrich delivers to learners from schools within the Invercargill Primary Principals Association area only. This is because delivery is limited to the boundaries of the funding bodies the Invercargill Licensing Trust (ILT) and the Invercargill Licensing Trust Foundation.
- 5. The Ministry does not currently have a funding relationship with Enrich@ILT.
- 6. Note, the school website has been temporarily withdrawn and should be in action again in early August.

The new premises

7. Enrich has moved to new premises because the initial building failed earthquake testing at the beginning of term 1 this year. The school opened again in the middle of term 2 in an ILT building, Elmwood Gardens. The school was closed for only one and a half terms due to fast work by the staff, the funders and the community.

Funding

8. Enrich has received most of its funding from both ILT and the ILT Foundation since its inception, as reflected in the name Enrich@ILT. The other source of funding is through fees. Schools and parents both pay \$10 per child per day they attend.

Support for the opening

9. Speech points and questions and answers for the event are provided in Annex 1 and 2 to this briefing note.

Other Relevant Information

Ministry support for one-day schools

- 10. The Ministry currently provides \$550,000 annually to the NZCGE to deliver Mindplus curriculum through one-day schools and online. In addition to this, NZCGE is trialling new forms of delivery to increase access for ākonga Māori and Pacific learners. The current contract goes to 30 June 2023.
- 11. Enrich had initially received support from NZCGE, which included use of the Mindplus curriculum and resources, learner assessments and teacher support. NZCGE reorganised its delivery model in 2019, which included bringing community funded schools under its curriculum and staffing management to control quality of Mindplus curriculum delivery. Enrich declined that approach and has since developed its own curriculum.
- 12. The Ministry of Education funding of \$2.3 million for the gifted package is currently fully allocated.

Annexes

Annex 1: Speaking points for Minister Tinetti to open the Enrich@ILT new premises for

gifted learners

Annex 2: Questions and answers for Minister Tinetti at the Enrich@ILT opening