



Briefing Note: Visit to Gisborne Boys' High School, Tuesday 8 August 2023 at 11:30am

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Purpose of Briefing Note

The purpose of this paper is to support your visit to Gisborne Boys' High School in Gisborne on 8 August 2023, at 11:30am.

Proactive Release

1. **agree** that the Ministry of Education release this briefing in full once it has been considered by you.

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Hon Jan Tinetti
Minister of Education

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Gisborne Boys' High School (209)

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Key People

Principal: Tom Cairns, Principal
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Ministry Official: Daniel Murfitt, Director of Education, Hawke's Bay/Tairāwhiti
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Profile Information

Authority	State
School Type	Secondary School (Year 9-15)
School Gender	Single Sex Boys
Education Medium	English
Equity Index Rating	491
Electorate	East Coast
Te Mahau Region	Te Tai Whenua

The March 2023 breakdown of roll information by ethnicity is shown below:

March 2023 Roll	Number	Percentage (%)
Māori	423	54%
Pacific	31	4%
Asian	18	2%
Other ethnicity	6	1%
European/Pākehā	282	36%
MELAA	8	1%
International	10	1%
Total	778	100%

School Context

1. Gisborne Boys' High School caters for ākonga in Years 9 to 15. At as March 2023, 778 students are enrolled of whom 54% identify as Māori.
2. The school has sustained the kaupapa and processes strengthened during recent involvement in the Te Kotahitanga professional learning and development (PLD) programme. This has been done with support and additional resourcing from the board of trustees.

3. A range of locally developed programmes such as Tū Tane and Te Whakairo have successfully promoted and extended the engagement, culture and achievement of Māori students in particular. These programmes have received national recognition for teaching and learning in the 2015 Prime Minister's awards.
4. The school culture is based on the school's motto Toa Hinga Kore, Toa Mate Kore and values of respect, honesty, perseverance, loyalty and courage.

Education Review Office

5. Gisborne Boys' High School was last visited by the Education Review Office (ERO) in 2016 where ERO recommended that:
 - leaders continue to develop existing systems, and teacher capability, to better use Years 9 and 10 student achievement data
 - leaders continue to develop measures and processes to increase students' agency and management of their own learning.

Kāhui Ako/Communities of Learning

6. Gisborne Boys' High School belongs to Taha Hinengaro Kāhui Ako.

Learning Support

7. Gisborne Boys' High School is part of the Taha Hinengaro (Gisborne) cluster. Gisborne Boys' High School is the employer of one Learning Support Coordinator (LSC) which is based at the school full time.

Participation in government programmes

School Donations Scheme

8. Gisborne Boys' High School opted-in to the School Donations Scheme for 2023 and has opted-in for 2024. The school received 9(2)(f)(iv) in lieu of donations in 2023 based on the July roll return.

Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunch Programme

9. Gisborne Boys' High School has opted-in to the programme.

Creatives in Schools

10. Gisborne Boys' High School applied for Round 3 of Creatives in Schools and was successful. The name of their project was Tūranga Tane Choral Group Showcase which involved ākonga from Years 9-13 and their creatives were Kereopa Ria (Lead) and Riley Horsfield.

Property

11. Significant damage to the school gym floor and science block roof was sustained during Cyclone Gabrielle and the storm event on 23 July. Remediation works are now well underway.
12. Several maintenance projects have been completed in the last two years including an upgraded toilet block, learning support modifications and installation of new heat pumps. Investigations are underway to ascertain the scope of works for weather tightness remediation of blocks C, D and K.
13. The school is currently in year 1 of the 5 Year property funding cycle with approved funding of 9(2)(f)(iv) including 9(2)(f) supplementary funding for the structural seismic upgrade of Block G and the Gym.

Other known risks or issues

14. Ongoing impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle and other subsequent weather events are still needing to be managed. Including damage to property, impacts on student attendance and engagement and general wellbeing of ākonga, whānau and staff.