



Briefing Note: Visit to Epsom Girls' Grammar School 64

To:	Hon Jan Tinetti, Minister of Education		
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Messaging seen by Communications team:	Yes / No	Round Robin:	No

Purpose of Briefing Note

The purpose of this paper is to support your visit to Epsom Girls' Grammar School in Auckland on Friday 25 August to focus on weather events damage / repairs. Epsom Girls' Grammar School had grounds and property impacted by the Auckland Floods in January 2023.

Proactive Release

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

Agree / Disagree

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Hon Jan Tinetti
Minister of Education

25/8/2023

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Profile Information July 2022

Authority	State
School Type	Secondary (Year 9-15)
School Gender	Single Sex (Girls School)
Education Medium	English
Equity Index Rating	397
Electorate	Epsom
Te Mahau Region	Te Tai Raro Tāmaki Herenga Manawa Ora

The July 2022 breakdown of roll information by ethnicity is shown below:

[Month/Year] Roll	Number	Percentage (%)
Māori	244	(11.7%)
Pacific	234	(11.2%)
Asian	865	(41.4%)
Other ethnicity	58	(2.8%)
European/Pākehā	651	(31.2%)
International	36	(1.7%)
Total	2087	100%

Epsom Girls' Grammar School Context

Epsom Girls' Grammar School is a large, urban school catering for students from Year 9 to 13. Nine percent of students are Māori and ten percent have Pacific heritage. Over a third of students are Chinese or Asian. The school offers students a broad curriculum, centred on the 21st Century learner. School development is innovative and future focused. The school's vision is to develop young women as confident and resilient learners, actively contributing to their communities. The school fosters courage, compassion, curiosity and community. It aims to build students' agency and critical engagement in learning.

Education Review Office

The Epsom Girls' Grammar School was last visited by the Education Review Office (ERO) in 2018 where ERO recommended that the Epsom Girls' Grammar School for sustained improvement and future learner success, priorities for further development are in:

- continuing to promote effective acceleration approaches that support all learners to be successful.
- continuing to respond to emerging shifts and trends in 21st Century secondary education.

1 To locate this information, search for the latest ERO Report on [Epsom Girls' Grammar School | Education Review Office \(ero.govt.nz\)](https://ero.govt.nz/ERO-Reports/Epsom-Girls-Grammar-School)

2 Kāhui Ako Communities of Learning
The school belongs to Auckland Central Community of Schools Kāhui Ako.

Learning Support

3 The school is part of the Mt Eden /Mt Roskill /Mt Albert cluster, which has not been allocated any Learning Support Coordinators (LSC).

4 There are 18 students receiving Learning Support within the school.

Participation in government programmes

School Donations Scheme

5 The school is ineligible for the scheme.

Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunch Programme

6 The school is ineligible for the programme.

Ikura | Manaakitia te whare tangata – Period products in schools initiative

7 The school has opted-in to the programme.

Creatives in Schools

- 8 The school did not apply for Round 1 or 2 of the Creatives in Schools projects.

Other known risks or issues

- 9 The School Hostel is currently being relicensed.
10 Damage has occurred to the school property due to Auckland Floods in January 2023.
11 There has been media interest in a recent teacher assault (July 2023) by a student who was suspended and no longer attends the school.
12 There was media interest in human remains that were located on the school site (November 2022).

Proactive Release

- 13 It is recommended that this Education Report/Briefing Note is proactively released, with any information needing to be withheld done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

Annexes

The following annexed to this paper:

Annex 1: Run Sheet

Annex 2: Property Information Checklist – Epsom Girls' Grammar

School – Withheld (9(2)(j))

Annex 1: Run Sheet

Time	Activity	Other details
1.25pm	Minister arrives and is greeted by Ministry representative and/or Principal	<p>School officials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lorraine Pound - Principal • Bronwyn McGill - Business Manager • Michele Heywood - Deputy principal health and safety • Deputy Principals – Karyn Dempsey, Cate Knowles, Trick Milner, Kate Slattery <p>Ministry officials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryanne O'Hare, Manager, Intergrated Services (C&E)
1.25pm	Manuhiri gathers for Powhiri/Mihi Whakatau	The school have a male speaker and a Kaikaranga available to accompany the Minister onto the school.
1.30pm - 2.00pm	Pōwhiri commences Greetings commences following on formalities of Powhiri/Mihi whakatau	Minister supported by a male speaker and a Kaikaranga provided by the school.
2.00pm	Site walk	Minister commences school visit
2.30pm	Visit completed	Minister and school conclude the site visit.