



Briefing Note: Association of Integrated Schools (AIS) Conference

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Purpose of Report

This briefing note provides information to support you to address the Association of Integrated Schools on Monday 4 September at 9.30am at the Brentwood Hotel, Kilbirnie. Your address is part of the Association of Integrated Schools' Conference which is held annually.

Proactive Release

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

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Background

1. The Association of Proprietors of Integrated Schools (APIS) is an umbrella organisation that supports the proprietors of New Zealand's integrated schools. The Association of Integrated Schools (AIS) falls under this group and includes state integrated schools that are not Catholic schools.
2. The AIS annual conference is an opportunity for members to share ideas and experiences. You are scheduled to provide a keynote address on the first morning of the conference.
3. The Minister, Associate Minister of Education and key education leaders have spoken at this conference for many years.
4. Around 100 AIS and APIS members are expected to attend. This will include proprietors, principals and other leaders from state integrated schools.
5. In your speech you have been invited to outline the Crown's ideas for education and the part integrated schools play.
6. Ministry staff will run workshops at the conference on both Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Key People

Kevin Shore	Chief Executive Officer, Association of Proprietors of Integrated Schools (APIS)
Karen Raitt	Manager Operations Association of Proprietors of Integrated Schools (APIS)
Jenny Gordon	Chairperson of APIS
Mark Larson	Executive Director, Association of Integrated Schools (AIS)

Your Visit

7. You are scheduled to arrive at the Brentwood Hotel, Kilbirnie at about 9:15 am, where you will speak from 9.30 – 10:30am. Introduction of the conference sponsors and then morning tea will follow directly after your keynote address.
8. You will have a time slot of 60 minutes, this includes time for questions after you deliver your speech.
9. Ministry staff will be running workshops during the conference. These will include providing information about the implementation of changes to the Education and Training Act 2020, Intergration Agreements and schooling change process, finances

Background on state integrated schools

10. There are 334 state integrated schools, educating around 90,000 students across New Zealand. This is nearly 12% of students in all schools.
11. These schools have a special character most commonly of a religious nature. State integrated schools include a range of Christian schools (Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian, bible-based Christian), three Islamic schools, and a Jewish school. There are also schools that have a particular philosophy (the Rudolph Steiner Schools and a Montessori School), and there are four integrated schools that are kura.
12. The arrangements for state integrated schools originated in the mid-1970s as a solution to the financial difficulties faced by the Catholic private school sector. State integrated schools are subject to many of the same legislative provisions as other state schools, with some exceptions mainly designed to protect their special character.
13. Each school's Integration Deed with the Crown stipulates a maximum roll.
14. The Ministry funds state integrated schools as it does state schools for their operational funding and staffing. As the property at these schools is owned by their proprietor, the Ministry funds the proprietor for maintenance of the buildings (it funds boards in state schools). The maintenance funding for state integrated schools is called Policy 1 funding (in state schools it is called 5YA funding).
15. In recent years, in areas of high population growth, the Crown may provide Policy 2 funding, which contributes towards the costs of building either new classrooms or a new integrated school. In the 2023 Budget, this funding is not available.

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16. It is recommended that this briefing 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 are annexed to this paper:

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