



**Briefing Note: Visit to Lytton High School and Teen Parent Unit,  
Tuesday 8 August 2023 at 1:30pm**

<b>To:</b>	Hon Jan Tinetti, Minister of Education		
<b>Date:</b>	7 August 2023	<b>Priority:</b>	Low
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<b>Messaging seen by Communications team:</b>	No	<b>Round Robin:</b>	No

**Purpose of Briefing Note**

The purpose of this paper is to support your visit to Lytton High School in Gisborne on 8 August 2023, at 1.30pm.

**Proactive Release**

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

Agree / Disagree

Jocelyn Mikaere  
Hautū | Deputy Secretary  
Te Mahau | Te Tai Whenua (Central)

07/08/2023

Hon Jan Tinetti  
Minister of Education

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## Lytton High School School (208)

Contact Name: Wiremu Elliot, Principal

Address: 347 Nelson Road, Gisborne

### Key People

Principal: Wiremu Elliot, Principal

Ministry Official: Daniel Murfitt, Director of Education, Hawke's Bay/Tairāwhiti

### Profile Information

Authority	State
School Type	Secondary School Year 9 - 15
School Gender	Co-educational
Education Medium	English Medium
Equity Index Rating	520
Electorate	East Coast
Te Mahau   Region	Te Tai Whenua

The 1 March 2023 breakdown of roll information by ethnicity is shown below:

Ethnicity	Number	Percentage (%)
Māori	391	68%
Pacific	13	2%
Asian	8	1%
Other ethnicity	11	2%
European/Pākehā	145	25%
MELAA	3	1%
International	1	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>100%</b>

### School Context

1. Lytton High School is located in Gisborne and caters for ākonga in Years 9 to 15. The school's mission statement is "Together to Excellence". School leaders promote the notion that excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution. It represents the wise choice of many alternatives – choice, not chance, determines your destiny.

2. The school is strongly led by the values of Aroha, Ako and Aspire. They guide the way the school works together as a learning community. This is underpinned by a belief that young people who understand where they come from and who they are will become confident and connected to the future.

### Teen Parent Unit

3. Lytton High School has a Teen Parent Unit (TPU), Te Whare Whai Hua which supports young teenage parents continue to access and engage in education in the Gisborne area. The TPU is specially set up to enable young parents to continue their studies and to gain valuable qualifications for their future.
4. Te Whare Whai Hua:
  - was established in 2002
  - is located at Lytton High School
  - childcare is situated on the same site as the TPU
  - caters for up to 30 13-19 year olds
  - childcare is licensed for 50 children
  - transport and breakfast programme are available for the young parents
  - a medical centre can be accessed through the host school
  - has a social worker on site three days a week.
5. Transport and childcare provisions are available to eliminate those barriers that may stop young parents from continuing with their education.
6. Te Whare Whai Hua have managed to secure Ministry of Social Development (MSD) allowance to cover costs for an online course in Nail Technology and Lash Extensions. Rather than have traditional Prizegiving, they choose to celebrate 'highs & lows' and 'good & bad'. This provides more of an appreciation from the mums of all that they had been exposed to and have been able to work through. Workshops designed to address healthy relationships, menstrual cycle awareness, as well as local tikanga and histories, are an area of effective practises.

### Education Review Office

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7. Lytton High School was last visited by the Education Review Office (ERO) in 2018 where ERO recommended that the school further develop:
  - the use of well analysed data from a range of sources, for internal evaluation that identifies what is working well for students' learning and where improvements are needed.

### Kāhui Ako | Communities of Learning

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8. Lytton High School belongs to Taha Whānau (Gisborne) Kāhui Ako.

## Learning Support

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9. Lytton High School is part of the Taha Whānau (Gisborne) cluster, Lytton High School is the employer of two Learning Support Coordinators (LSCs). One is employed full time at Lytton High School and one that works across four small rural schools across the Kāhui Ako.

## Participation in government programmes

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### School Donations Scheme

9. Lytton High School opted-in to the School Donations Scheme for 2023. The school received 9(2)(j) in lieu of donations based on the July roll return.

### Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunch Programme

10. Lytton High School has been receiving Lunches in Schools since 2020. YMCA Gisborne Inc is the provider.

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

11. Lytton High School opted-in to the programme in May 2021.

### Attendance Model

12. Lytton have an attendance officer based at their school through the Attendance Service.

## Property

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13. No Cyclone Gabrielle-related property damage was reported however the storm event on 23 July caused moderate roof and internal water damage with remediation now in progress.
14. The school's hall has been out of use since September 2019 due to structural issues and the presence of asbestos. Tenders are currently being obtained with refurbishment planned to start later this year. The project has a 9(2)(j) which will be funded by the school's 5 Year Agreement (5YA) and Unforeseen Capital.
15. Several upgrade projects have been completed in the last two years including the technology block September 2021 at a total project cost 9(2)(j) weathertightness remediation at the Music/Drama building and sitewide learning support property modifications to support a visually impaired student.
16. Tenders are currently being obtained for a replacement toilet block and roof replacement of three blocks.

## Other known risks or issues

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17. There are no known risks or issues that Te Mahau is aware of.