



Briefing Note: Visit to Oteha Valley School

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

Purpose of Briefing Note

The purpose of this paper is to support your visit to Oteha Valley School in Auckland, Friday 25 August 2023 to view new teaching spaces.

A run sheet for the visit is attached as Annex 1.

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

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Key People

Principal Ms Rosemary Neal
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Ministry Officials: Tanya Harvey, Director of Education, Tamaki Makaurau
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Profile Information

Authority	State
School Type	Contributing (Years 1-6)
School Gender	Co-Ed
Education Medium	English
Equity Index Rating	356
Electorate	East Coast Bays
Te Mahau Region	Tamaki Herenga Tāngata

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

[Month/Year] Roll	Number	Percentage (%)
Māori	20	3.6
Pacific	8	1.5
Asian	400	73
Other ethnicity	46	8.4
European/Pākehā	74	13.5
International	0	0
Total	548	100%

Context

- 1 Oteha Valley School was opened in 2004. The school community was initially a diverse community of predominantly migrant whanau. As the Kura has grown the ethnicity of the school community has changed to predominantly those of Chinese origin.
- 2 The school strives to reflect the cultural identity of its community while ensuring there is a clear understanding that the school is an Aotearoa school by reflecting the history of

the whenua through symbology such as the wooden tree structure at the entrance of the new building which depicts Tane Mahuta and native trees and birds are depicted throughout the school that connect to the theme of the early Oteha native forest.

- 3 Oteha Valley School motto reflects one meaning found for Oteha – Hahatia Te Ora nga Akoranga – or breath of life. This has been interpreted as “breathing life into learning”.

Education Review Office

- 4 Oteha Valley School was last visited by the Education Review Office (ERO) in 2017 where ERO recommended that Oteha Valley School was well placed to sustain and make ongoing improvements that impact positively on all children's learning.

Kāhui Ako | Communities of Learning

- 5 The school belongs to Oneroa Kāhui Ako.

Participation in Government Programmes

School Donations Scheme

- 6 The school is ineligible for the scheme.

Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunch Programme

- 7 The school is ineligible for the programme.

Creatives in Schools

- 8 Oteha Valley School did not apply for Round 1 or 2 of the Creatives in Schools projects.

Property

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- 10 Further property information is provided in Annex 2 of the report and reflects a well maintained and managed school.

Known risks or issues

- 11 The school suffered minor flooding issues during the Auckland flood in January 2023.
- 12 Auckland Transport advised the school that as a result of letters from parents and the school, as well as an Auckland Transport investigation, that parking restrictions will be placed on some parts of Fields Parade. This will help keep children and vehicles safe when dropping children at school in the morning and picking them up after school. The

restrictions will be in place from 8.30 – 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 – 3.00 p.m. The start date is yet to be confirmed.

Proactive Release

- 13 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.

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Annexes

The following are annexed to this paper:

Annex 1: Run Sheet

Annex 2: New Property Information Checklist – Oteha Valley School

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Annex 1: Run Sheet

Time	Activity	Other details
9:00am	Minister arrives-greeted by MOE rep and Rose Go over to New Building	In the Office
9:15	Child to greet and welcome her Kapa Haka- waiata to welcome her Rose speaks Minister responds Performance- singing group in Mandarin Tour of building-Principal, DPs	
9:55	Boys' haka to farewell Rose to thank her	
10:00	Minister departs	

Annex 2: New Property Information Checklist – Oteha Valley School

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