



Briefing Note: Visit to Wellington East Girl's College on Tuesday 23 February 2023 for the Pre-Budget Attendance Announcement

To:	Hon Jan Tinetti, Minister of Education		
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Purpose of Briefing Note

- The purpose of this briefing note is to support your visit to Wellington East Girl's College in Wellington, to make the Pre-Budget Attendance announcement on Tuesday 21 February 2023 from 9:00am to 10:00am.
- A run sheet for the visit is attached. Annex 1 refers.

Core Wellington East Girl's College Information

Wellington East Girl's College (274)

Contact Name: Gael Ashworth
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Address: Austin Street
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Wellington

Key People

Principal: Gael Ashworth
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Ministry Officials: Roy Sye, Director of Education, 9(2)(a)
Jay Barr, Manager Education, 9(2)(a)

Damian Hepi-Te Huia, Strategic Advisor Māori

Other attendees: Marina Taumarua (Team Lead) and Calisa Hippolite (Team Lead) from Te Rūnanga of Ngāti Toa, Attendance Service.

- Tuesday 21 February is the schools' athletics day so all students are offsite. Some of the school's student leadership group will be present for the Minister's visit.

Profile Information

Authority	State
School Type	Secondary (Year 9-15)
School Gender	Single Sex (Girls School)
Education Medium	English
Equity Index Rating	413
Electorate	Rongotai
Te Mahau Region	Te Tai Runga

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

July 2022 Roll	Number	Percentage (%)
European/Pākehā	474	45.9
Asian	177	17.1
Māori	171	16.6
Pacific	120	11.6
Other ethnicity	86	8.3
International	5	0.5
Total	1,033	100%

- *Note: Actual school roll is 1017, ethnic breakdown is 1,033 as students can identify to more than one ethnicity.*

Wellington East Girl's College Context

- 2 Wellington East Girl's College is a single sex state secondary school which caters for students in Years 9-13.
- 3 Wellington East Girls' College and Y8 cohorts across the Motu Kairangi Kāhui Ako (which the College is a member of) received \$30,000 from the 2022 Regional Response Fund to run a multi-tiered approach to support students to attend school, to re-engage with their learning and to develop their resilience.

- *Tier 1 – Resilience Programme: Connect with Kāhui Ako feeder schools to review what is being taught in Year 8 in terms of resilience and wellbeing to provide continuity across the Kāhui Ako.*
- *Tier 2 – Continuation of M3 Programme: During 2022 the school trialled the M3 Mindfulness (Te Reo Tuakiri) programme with positive impacts on the students' lives and their engagement at school. The programme for 2023 will target Māori students in Year 11 to set them up for success for their senior school years. A transition programme for Year 8 and Year 9 of two half day workshops will be held to support student transition to secondary school.*
- *Tier 3 – Whānau Support: a targeted programme for students with specific learning needs, who suffer from anxiety, who are struggling with gender identity or are being supported by an agency will undergo a programme to assist parents to connect to their young person, hear from experts and to provide support strategies.*
- *Tier 4 – Individual Support: implementing a Return to School Coordinator to work individually with students who are struggling to get to school and attend classes and developing a plan with the student and whānau to address their individual needs.*

- 4 We have recently negotiated new Attendance Service Providers across Wellington. The contract covering Wellington East Girls is managed through Ngāti Toa. Ngāti Toa are covering Wellington City, Porirua West and Upper Hutt Schools.

Attendance

2022 Attendance			
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
90% +	75.5	56.4	50.4
80% - 90%	13.8	23.3	25.4

- 5 COVID-19 outbreaks in the school in Term 2 & 3 had a significant impact on student attendance.

Engagement

2021 Stand-Downs & Suspensions	
Stand-Downs	12
Suspensions	0

- 6 2022 National Stand-Down and Suspension data is not available but 2021 National data notes the Stand-Down rate at 26.8 per 1,000 students. Wellington East Girls' College's Stand-Down rate 15.2.

NCEA Results

NCEA L1 or above %			
	2019	2020	2021
Total	95.8	98.9	95.0
Māori	97.3	100	89.2
NCEA L2 or above %			
	2019	2020	2021
Total	93.5	97.2	90.0
Māori	91.9	100	81.1

NCEA L3 or above %			
	2019	2020	2021
Total	76.7	83.3	80.6
Māori	48.6	80.0	56.8

- 7 Total NCEA results at all three levels are strong. At Level 1 & 2, Māori achievement is often better than the total results. Level 3 results for Māori are significantly below total results in 2019 and 2021.

Education Review Office

- 8 Wellington East Girls' College was last visited by the Education Review Office (ERO) in January 2023 where ERO recommended the school prioritise continuing to give mana to:
- cultural responsiveness through ako in the consistent school-wide implementation of professional learning and development*
 - whanaungatanga with whānau, families, iwi and community to ensure aroha and rangatiratanga (inclusion and belonging) are experienced by all individuals as learners, and their whānau*
 - building effective internal evaluation capability for the purpose of better knowing the impacts of strategic actions on learner outcomes*

Kāhui Ako | Communities of Learning

- 9 The school belongs to the Motu Kairangi Kāhui Ako.

Learning Support

- 10 The school does not have access to a Learning Support Coordinator (LSC) as there were none allocated to the Wellington East area.
- 11 The school is a fundholder school. It has a separate specialist unit for students with ORS which is managed directly by the school. The school currently supports 24 students with ORS. The school also fund holds for ORS students at Rongotai College.
- 12 There are currently four students receiving service through the Learning Support Severe Behaviour Service. Of these students, one is receiving support from the Intensive Wraparound Service.
- 13 The Behaviour Service has provided "Understanding Behaviour, Responding Safely" training to the whole school.

Participation in government programmes

School Donations Scheme

- 14 The school is ineligible for the scheme.

Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunch Programme

- 15 Wellington East Girls' College is ineligible for the programme based on the equity index.

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

- 16 The school has opted into the national initiative and to date ordered products. Students can also access products via dispensers.

Creatives in Schools

- 17 Wellington East Girls' College has been selected for a Creatives in Schools project in 2023 but haven't yet signed a funding agreement, so we have not yet publicly announced their project. The name of their project is 'Weaving Our Past Into Our Future' which involved students from years 11-13 and their creative is Matthew McIntyre Wilson.
- 18 The school were also successful for Round 2 (2021), with a project called 'An Inter-Generational Exploration of Cultural Identity' with creative Nicola Pauling.

Impact of COVID-19

- 19 The school submitted two applications for the Urgent Response Fund in 2020 and was successful with both applications receiving the full amount of \$11,500 to support 81 akonga with attendance and re-engagement back in learning.

Property

- 20 There is a Ministry led project to complete the remediation and upgrade of the East Wing (Block7) due to be completed for term 2 and subsequent refurbishment of Block 8. The Ministry has allocated approximately \$19.3 million to this project.
- 21 The school have a number of projects to progress under their ten-year plan.

Proactive Release

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Nancy Bell
Hautū | Deputy Secretary
Te Mahau | Te Tai Runga



Hon Jan Tinetti
Minister of Education
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Annexes

- Annex 1: Runsheet

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