



Briefing Note: July 6th Meeting with SIEBA/SPANZ

To:	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education		
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Purpose of Report

This paper provides you with background information and talking points for your meeting with key members of the Schools' International Education Business Association (SIEBA) and the Secondary Principals' Association of New Zealand (SPANZ).

Agree that this Briefing will not be proactively released until you have met with SIEBA and SPANZ, and also held the public forum to address a wider international audience, which is set for 13th July 2021.

Agree / Disagree



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Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

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Background

1. You are meeting with:
 - John van der Zwan – Executive Director, SIEBA
 - Patrick Walsh – SIEBA Board Chair & Principal, John Paul College, Rotorua
 - Vaughan Couillault – SPANZ President & Principal, Papatoetoe High School
 - Scott Haines – SPANZ Senior Vice President & Principal Waimea College, Nelson
2. SIEBA is a membership organisation and peak body, whose purpose is to provide leadership, support and advocacy for New Zealand schools enrolling international fee-paying students.
3. SPANZ is also a membership organisation and is the only independent peak body representing Secondary Principals' in New Zealand.
4. You received a jointly signed briefing from SIEBA and SPANZ on 14 April 2021 outlining their thoughts and concerns about the threats and opportunities facing international education in New Zealand Schools, and a follow up paper on 5 July (attached as Annex 2).
5. SIEBA and SPANZ intend to discuss the following:
 - a. Bespoke MIQ facilities
 - b. the future direction of secondary school level international education in New Zealand, and gaining approval to bring year 11-13 students into New Zealand
 - c. review of the International Student Levy (ISL).
6. At your meeting, you may wish to lead with:
 - a. the next steps on the International Education Recovery Plan
 - b. acknowledging concerns of the international education schooling sector around the future direction of international education for students under Year 9 [Metis 1258862] refers, and provide updates on upcoming consultation process
 - c. the current MIQ situation.

Further information on key topics

Future of primary/intermediate level international students in New Zealand

7. You requested initial advice on the future direction of international education for students under year 9 [METIS 1258862 refer]. On 21 May 2021 a letter to the International Education Peak Bodies was sent that indicated you are considering the future of international student enrolments in primary and intermediate schools (under Year 9) to ensure that our settings remain fit-for-purpose. 9(2)(f)(iv)

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Next steps on Ready to Go plan and value statement

10. SIEBA is participating in the development of the sector Ready to Go Plan led by Universities New Zealand on behalf of the wider sector (with ENZ and the Ministry as the government leads).
11. As you are aware, we have drafted a policy statement on 'value' which you have agreed we will test with the sector [METIS 1262961 refers]. You will be seeking Cabinet agreement to consult from 12 July 2021.
12. This statement will guide further priority cohorts of international students and provide guidance on how we rebuild the sector

Update on student cohorts

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