



## Education Report: Request to consult on proposed change of year level for Kia Aroha College (631)

<b>To:</b>	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education		
<b>Cc:</b>	Hon Kelvin Davis, Associate Minister of Education (Māori Education)		
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### Purpose

This report seeks your approval to consult on a proposal for a change of year level for Kia Aroha College (631) from a Year 7 – 15, to a Year 1 – 15 composite school from Term 1, 2023.

Under section 209 of the Education and Training Act 2020, you must consult with the boards of all state schools whose rolls might be affected by this change. If you approve, the Ministry will conduct this consultation on your behalf.

### Summary

1. Kia Aroha College is a designated character, decile 1, Year 7 – 15 composite school located in Ōtara, Auckland.
2. Kia Aroha College is part of the Sir Edmund Hillary Tangaroa catchment of the National Education Growth Plan (NEGP). This catchment has a diverse population with the majority of ākonga of Pacific and Māori ethnicity.
3. The designated character of Kia Aroha College is based on bilingual streams, Māori and Pacific (Samoan and Tongan), and their cultural practices and knowledge. The school board wishes to extend the provision to primary aged ākonga to provide complete bilingual pathways for ākonga from Year 1 – 15 at their school.
4. Kia Aroha College has a capacity for 500 ākonga, their current roll is 238. If the application is approved, Kia Aroha College will introduce Māori and Pacific languages at primary level in stages.
5. The estimated roll for Year 1 – 6 in 2023 is an additional 65 ākonga in the Māori bilingual unit. The Pacific bilingual pathway would be introduced for Year 1 – 6 in 2024. This will

help support the growth in this catchment as the schooling network is expected to grow by approximately 370 primary ākonga places by 2030.

6. Section 209 of the Act requires you to consult with the boards of all state schools whose rolls might be affected by the change. The Ministry will conduct this consultation on your behalf.

### Recommended actions

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The Ministry of Education recommends you:

- a. **note** that the Ministry has received an application from the Kia Aroha College Board for a change of year level under section 195 of the Education and Training Act 2020 from Year 7 – 15, to a Year 1 – 15 composite school;
- Noted**
- b. **note** that Kia Aroha College is the only school in the Sir Edmund Hillary Tangaroa catchment that provides Level 2 te reo Māori, Samoan and Tongan bilingual education for secondary aged ākonga; and
- Noted**
- c. **agree** that the Ministry undertake on your behalf, consultation under section 209 of the Education and Training Act 2020 with all state schools and kura whose rolls might be affected by this change.

**Agree / Disagree**

If you agree, you are asked to:

- d. **sign** the attached letter to the presiding member of the board informing them of your decision; and
- Signed**
- e. **agree** that this report will be proactively released. Any information that might need to be withheld will be done so in line with provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

**Release / Not release**



Helen Hurst  
Tumu Te Hāpai ō Rāngai | Te Hāpai ō Rāngai  
Deputy Secretary  
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Hon Chris Hipkins  
Minister of Education

24/09/2021

25/10/2021

## Background

1. Kia Aroha College is a Year 7 – 15 decile 1 designated character composite school, located in Ōtara, Auckland. The March 2020 roll composition was 49.5% Māori, 38.6% Pacific, 10.3% Asian and 1.6% other ethnicity.
2. Kia Aroha College became a designated character school in 2011. It was formed by the merger of Clover Park Middle School (Year 7 – 10) and Te Whānau o Tupuranga, a designated character school (Year 7 – 13).
3. As a designated character school, Kia Aroha College focuses on teaching in a way that supports and uplifts the culture of Māori and Pacific ākonga through language. The school comprises of two bilingual streams within the campus, one offering Level 2 Māori medium education and the other Pacific (Samoan and Tongan) medium education.
4. July 2020 data indicates that the only other school providing Māori medium in the area is TKKM o Piripono Te Kura Whakahou ki Ōtara, which provides Level 1 Māori medium for Year 1 – 8 ākonga.
5. Other schools in the Ōtara network providing Māori medium education at Level 3, 4 and 5 are:

School	Year levels	Māori medium
Rongomai School, Ōtara	Contributing 1 – 6	Level 3, 4
East Tamaki School, Ōtara	Contributing 1 – 6	Level 5
Mayfield School, Ōtara	Contributing 1 – 6	Level 5
Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate Junior School	Contributing 1 – 6	Level 4

6. Kia Aroha College is the only secondary school in the immediate schooling network that provides Level 2 te reo Māori, Samoan and Tongan bilingual education.
7. Kia Aroha College wishes to extend the provision of the bilingual pathway to primary age ākonga to enable a complete pathway at their school for ākonga, from Year 1 – 15. The school believe that they would confidently be able to extend the provision of Māori medium, and Samoan and Tongan languages to cater for the need in their community.
8. The March 2019 Education Review Office (ERO) report states:

*Students' success is evident in their achievement in relation to the milestones set in the school's Māori, Samoan, Tongan graduate profiles.*

*An important strength of the school is its long-standing focus on creating a culturally sustaining learning community that promotes holistic student wellbeing and success. The curriculum learning model reflects this focus well.*

9. If approved, the board of Kia Aroha College will implement the change in stages over a three year period. The school proposes to start with an additional 65 ākonga in Year 1 – 6 in the te reo Māori bilingual stream. In 2024 they propose to add the Pacific bilingual stream in Year 4 – 6, and in 2025 have both bilingual streams available at all year levels.

## Network

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10. Kia Aroha College is part of the Sir Edmund Hillary Tangaroa catchment of the National Education Growth Plan (NEGP). This catchment has a diverse population with the majority of ākonga of Pacific and Māori ethnicity.
11. Another 1,320 dwellings are expected to be built in Ōtara by 2030. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development is planning a development on former Manukau Institute of Technology land. Future planning for up to 90 additional ākonga places at kōhanga reo and 200 new kura kaupapa ākonga places are required.
12. Based on the number of places currently available in the catchment and in order to accommodate the forecasted additional 859 Year 1 – 13 ākonga, approximately 370 primary ākonga places across the catchment are needed by 2030.
13. In the Auckland region, as of 1 July 2021, 3,822 ākonga are enrolled in state Māori medium education at Level 1 and Level 2, out of a Māori ākonga population of around 44,288. There is an increasing demand for Māori medium education.

## Property and Transport

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14. Kia Aroha College has capacity for 500 ākonga, the current roll is 238. If approved, the school has estimated an additional 65 primary age ākonga for the first year. There are no foreseen property implications associated with the change.
15. If a change of year level is approved a maximum roll of 400 would be recommended.
16. There are no transport implications if the application is approved. The school does not receive any school transport funding at this time due to its location, with access to suitable public transport options.

## Financial Implications

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17. If you wish to progress the change, the estimated additional operational cost to the Crown is \$564,787 (GST Inclusive) each year.

## Next steps

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18. If you agree to initiate consultation, you are asked to sign the attached letter to the board informing them of your decision and return the letter to the Ministry to deliver. We will then undertake this consultation on your behalf and report the results to you in the next education report.
19. A list of neighbouring schools to be consulted is outlined in Annex 2.
20. We will also consult with sector organisations such as the New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA) and Post Primary Teachers' Association (PPTA), as well as local iwi.

## Proactive release

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21. If you agree to initiate consultation, you will need to consider the results before making a decision on the change. Therefore, it is intended that this report be proactively released as per your expectation. Any information that might need to be withheld will be done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

## Annex

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Annex 1: Letter to board

Annex 2: Schools to be consulted

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# Hon Chris Hipkins

MP for Remutaka

Minister for COVID-19 Response

Minister of Education

Minister for the Public Service

Leader of the House



Ms Julie Stewart  
Presiding member  
Kia Aroha College  
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Ref: CH9398

Dear Julie

Thank you for your application for a change of year levels for Kia Aroha College to become a Year 1 – 15 composite school. Before deciding whether to approve this application or not, I must first undertake consultation with the boards of all state schools whose rolls might be affected, under section 209 of the Education and Training Act 2020.

The Ministry of Education will undertake this consultation on my behalf. They will also consult with appropriate sector organisations, and groups such as local iwi. As part of this consultation, the Ministry will advise you of replies and provide an opportunity for your response.

When consultation is complete, the Ministry will inform me of the feedback received and advise me on your proposal. Following consideration of all this material, I will be able to make a decision.

The Ministry will continue discussions with your board about the proposed change. Please contact Andrea Aranha at [andrea.aranha@education.govt.nz](mailto:andrea.aranha@education.govt.nz) if you have any questions about this process.

Yours sincerely

A blue ink signature of Chris Hipkins.

Chris Hipkins  
**Minister of Education**

Schools to be consulted

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<b>School</b>	<b>Year level</b>
Bairds Mainfreight Primary School	1 – 6
East Tamaki School	1 – 6
Mayfield School	1 – 6
Flat Bush School	1 – 6
Papatoetoe South School	1 – 6
Papatoetoe East School	1 – 6
Papatoetoe Central School	1 – 6
Puhinui School	1 – 6
Rongomai School	1 – 6
Yendarra School	1 – 6
Dawson School	1 – 6
Chapel Downs School	1 – 6
Redoubt North School	1 – 8
TKKM o Piripono Te Kura Whakahou ki Ōtara	1 – 8
Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate Junior School	1 – 6
Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate Intermediate School	7 – 8
Te Uho O Te Nikau Primary School	1 – 6
Ferguson Intermediate School	7 – 8
Tangaroa College	9 – 13
Papatoetoe High School	9 – 15
Ormiston Junior College	7 – 10