



Briefing Note: Re-engaging Ākonga in Schooling post-COVID-19 Delta – Revised Draft Cabinet Paper

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Purpose of Report

Attached for your consideration and comment is a revised draft of the Cabinet paper *Re-engaging Ākonga post-COVID-19 Delta*. The paper reflects your comments and feedback from your Office earlier this week.

Summary

- As discussed, we have revised the Cabinet paper to:
 - tighten the focus on the immediate need for investment to support re-engaging students after the inevitable disruption caused by COVID-19, particularly in Auckland;
 - indicate that you will report back to Cabinet on the strategy and actions to address the underlying problem of attendance after the Education and Workforce Select Committee reports back on its inquiry into school attendance.
- We have indicated in the draft areas where information will be updated as it is finalised.
- We seek your feedback on this draft to allow it to be finalised.
- We will provide you with a final draft to support wider engagement by 30? September 2021.

Recommendations

1. We recommend that you:

- a **Consider and provide feedback** on the attached revised draft Cabinet paper

Noted

- b **Note** that, once you have provided feedback, we will provide your Office with a revised draft to support wider engagement by 30 September 2021.

Noted

Proactive Release

- c **agree** that the Ministry of Education does not release this briefing at this time as it is subject to future Cabinet consideration and budget decisions.

Agree/ Disagree

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Hon Jan Tinetti
Associate Minister of Education

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Attachments

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