



## Briefing Note: Visit to Hohepa School on Thursday 8 September

<b>To:</b>	Hon Jan Tinetti, Associate Minister of Education (School Operations)		
<b>Cc:</b>	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education		
<b>Date:</b>	1 September 2022	<b>Priority:</b>	Low
<b>Security Level:</b>	In Confidence	<b>METIS No:</b>	1294366
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<b>Messaging seen by Communications team:</b>	No	<b>Round Robin:</b>	No

### Purpose of Briefing Note

- This briefing note provides information to support your visit to Hohepa School in Hawke's Bay on Thursday 8 September 2022, 11.00am to 12.30pm. The purpose of the visit is for the Minister to experience the differentiated community and services Hohepa provides its learners.
- A run sheet for the visit is attached. Annex 1 refers.

## HOHEPA SCHOOL (4109)

Contact Name: Stephen Evans  
06 844 2740

Address: 21 Fryer Road  
Napier

### Key People

Principal: Stephen Evans  
06 844 2740

Hohepa Homes Trust Board Chair: Mark Boyle  
027 573 6772

Ministry Official: Daniel Murfitt  
Director of Education – Hawke's Bay | Tairāwhiti  
027 234 6904

## Profile Information

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Authority	Private – Fully Registered
School Type	Composite Year 1-15)
School Gender	Co-Ed
Education Medium	English
Electorate	Napier
Te Mahau   Region	Te Tai Whenua Hawke's Bay   Tairāwhiti

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

July 2022 Roll	Number	Percentage (%)
Māori	8	24.2%
Pacific	2	6.1%
Asian	2	6.1%
Other ethnicity	0	
European/Pākehā	21	63.6%
International	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Hohepa School Context

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- 1 [Hohepa School](#) is a fully registered private school catering for students aged from seven to 21 who have very special requirements for their care and education. Students come from all over New Zealand. Most parents live outside Hawke's Bay. All students are on the Ongoing Resourcing Scheme (ORS) which funds extra support through therapy programmes and teacher aides to assist the teachers in the classroom. The Rudolf Steiner philosophy provides a foundation for what happens within Hohepa.
- 2 The main administration and adult facilities are based at Clive (South end of Napier), while the school and children's homes are at the Poraiti site, which is to the north end of Napier, near Taradale. Organic farming occurs on both sites, each site being approximately 21 hectares (50 acres).

## Education Review Office

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- 3 The school was last visited by the Education Review Office (ERO) 2016 where ERO recommended that on the basis of the information obtained during the review, ERO considers that Hohepa School meets the criteria for registration as a private school set out in the Education Act 1989.

## Kāhui Ako | Communities of Learning

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- 4 The school does not belong to a Kāhui Ako.

## Learning Support

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- 5 The school do not have any Learning Support Coordinators (LSC).

## Participation in government programmes

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### 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.

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

- 8 The school is ineligible for the programme.

### Creatives in Schools

- 9 The school did not apply for Round 1 or 2 of the Creatives in Schools projects.

## Impact of COVID-19

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- 10 At the end of 2021 and the beginning of 2022, Hohepa School experienced some staffing challenges as a result of the vaccination mandate. A number of specialist teachers and support staff chose not to be vaccinated. As a result, the school put out a call to the wider Hohepa community for support.

## Proactive Release

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- 11 **Agree** that the Ministry of Education release this briefing once it has been considered by you and the visit has occurred.

**Agree / Disagree**



Jocelyn Mikaere  
Hautū | Deputy Secretary  
**Te Mahau | Te Tai Whenua**

1 September 2022

Hon Jan Tinetti  
Associate Minister of Education  
**(School Operations)**

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## Annex 1: Run Sheet

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Time	Activity	Other details
11.00am	Minister Tinetti is greeted by Mark Boyle, Hohepa Homes Trust Board Chair	Other attendees include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teachers</li><li>• Farmers</li><li>• Creators</li><li>• Management and Staff</li></ul>
11.15am	Tour of Hohepa community	
12.00pm	Light lunch and speak with staff	
12.30pm	Depart	