



## Briefing Note: Investing in Māori Medium Property – Announcement at Te Wharekura o Manurewa

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| To:             | Hon Kelvin Davis,<br>Minister of Education |           |             |
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### Purpose of Report

This briefing note provides you with information and advice to support the Budget 21 announcements at Te Wharekura o Manurewa.

It includes the following:

1. Background information on the school you are visiting;
2. Speaking notes; and
3. A draft press release.

A run sheet will be provided to your office separately, closer to the time of your visit.

### Summary

You are scheduled to visit Te Wharekura o Manurewa on Wednesday 26 May, from 11.30am to 12.30pm. You will be launching *Property Funding to Build and Expand Schools Delivering Māori Medium Education*, a \$77.1 million allocation through Budget 21. It includes:

- 9(2)(i) top up funding for Te Wharekura o Manurewa
- 9(2)(i) top up funding for Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Wananga Whare Tapere o Takitimu
- 9(2)(i) top up funding for Manukura
- 9(2)(i) to fund roll growth classrooms at Māori Medium Schools

Te Wharekura o Manurewa is decile 2 and has a roll of 27 students. All students at the school identify as Māori.

The development project at Te Wharekura o Manurewa is a joint initiative with Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Manurewa. We recommend that both schools are involved in this announcement. We will arrange for representatives from TKKM o Manurewa to be invited to any formalities for your visit.

This investment will top up an existing \$24.0m allocated by the previous Government, to meet additional costs resulting from unforeseen site works and price escalation caused by delays to site designation.



Kim Shannon  
**Head of Education Infrastructure Service**

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## Summary of Announcements

| Project  | Existing allocation   | Budget 21 Investment |
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| <p><b>Te Wharekura o Manurewa (Top Up)</b></p> <p>Te Pūtahi Māori o Manurewa is a new school development which will co-locate Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Manurewa and Te Wharekura o Manurewa on a new site in Manurewa.</p> <p>The funding you are announcing today will top up existing funding for the joint campus to firstly deliver essential site infrastructure works (including earth works, and a new road), meet price escalation caused by delays in the site designation process, and combine with existing funding to deliver a brand new school for the two kura (total 320 students).</p> <p>While the funding has been tagged to Te Wharekura o Manurewa, the funding will benefit both schools that share the campus.</p>     | <p>(\$24.0m budget announced for both schools by previous government)</p> | 9(2)(i)              |
| <p><b>Manukura (Top Up)</b></p> <p>In 2018, you announced \$20.0m for permanent property provision for Manukura. The original project was intended to support a roll of 200 students.</p> <p>Now that a long-term lease has been secured for Manukura, following negotiations with Massey University, additional funding is required to meet an updated roll of 300 students. Funding will be combined with the existing budget to deliver site infrastructure works not known at the time of the original business case, and new school facilities.</p> <p>The funding you are announcing today will be combined with the existing project budget to deliver the necessary site works and a new school for a full roll of 300 students.</p> | <p>(\$20.0m budget announced in 2018)</p>                                 | 9(2)(i)              |
| <p><b>TKKM Te Wananga Whare Tapere o Takitimu (Top Up)</b></p> <p>In 2015, Takitimu was allocated \$12.7 million of funding to deliver a permanent property provision for a roll of 180 students. Complicated designation issues took time to work through with the school, so that the permanent site was suitable for their needs. In 2019, we took the opportunity to revise demand forecasts to ensure accurate roll requirements were known to meet the needs of the school. This increased the build roll of the school from the original 180 to 300 students.</p> <p>The funding you are announcing today will deliver the additional 120 student places.</p>   | <p>9(2)(i)<br/>(\$12.0m budget announced by previous government)</p>      | 9(2)(i)              |
| <p><b>Māori Medium Roll Growth</b></p> <p>Around 550 additional student places will be delivered. Specific schools to be confirmed after the announcement and will provide an opportunity for future announcements across New Zealand.</p>   | -   | 9(2)(i)              |

## Background on Te Wharekura o Manurewa

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### Key people and contact details

School Phone Number: +64 9 266 0158

Address: 81 Finlayson Avenue, Manurewa, Auckland 2242

Board chairperson: Pania Wilson, 9(2)(a)

Principal: Maahia Nathan, 9(2)(a)

Ministry Officials Attending: Isabel Evans, Director of Education (Auckland) 09 632 9333

### School Information and expected growth

1. Te Wharekura o Manurewa is a decile 2, co-educational secondary school (year 9-15) in Manurewa, Auckland.
2. The roll comprises of 27 students, and all students identify as Māori.
3. In 2002, The school was established as a kura teina (satellite) to Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Rangianiwaniwa in Kaitia. After being officially established as a secondary school in 2010, it was intended to provide the school with its permanent property provision in a site on Browns Road, Manurewa.
4. The relocation project was put on hold in 2014, pending the results of the “Future of Manurewa Schooling Pathways” report.
5. In 2015, the Ministry decided to combine the project at Te Wharekura o Manurewa with Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Manurewa, which also required new facilities.
6. In 2017, the previous Government announced an investment of \$24 million to build new facilities that would accommodate both schools.
7. In 2018, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Manurewa and Te Wharekura o Manurewa agree to co-locate to one site at Browns Rd. The two schools will be governed by a single Board.

### Property related issues

8. Designation issues have delayed the delivery of the school's new facilities, and the original anticipated delivery date of 2020 has now passed.
9. The school's current site faces challenges relating to ageing infrastructure, a need for specialist facilities (particularly science facilities) and a lack of outdoor play space. These challenges will be addressed through new facilities at the Browns Road site.

### Long-term aspirations

10. The joint Board has aspirations to establish a Māori speaking community.
11. The school was upset by a decision to sell surplus land from the Browns Road site to a developer. The school hoped the land would be retained for a housing development that would support their goal of a Māori speaking community. However, under the Public Works Act, we were required to follow Crown Land disposal processes for land not required for educational purposes.

12. A joint housing development between Marutūahu and Fletcher Living is underway next-door and will provide affordable housing. The joint Board is working together with the developer on options to purchase houses across the road from the campus. This would not be funded by the Ministry.

### **Education Report**

13. The school was last visited by the Education Review Office (ERO) in 2019. ERO found that high expectations are held for student achievement. Students show confidence and leadership qualities in a range of contexts.
14. ERO is due to return in 3 years.

### **Impact of COVID-19**

15. The school reported that COVID-19 impacted on the social and emotional wellbeing of students, and in some cases, parents and whānau members. Examples include:
- a. students struggling with employment loss of whānau members
  - b. overcrowding in homes
  - c. limited access to community supports due to geographical location of students
  - d. limited to no access to connectivity due to a change in priorities of whānau.
16. The school applied for **9(2)(i)** from the Urgent Response Fund (URF) as a joint application with eight other kura kaupapa Māori across Tāmaki Makaurau. The full amount was approved on 24 March 2021.
17. This funding will support 1,172 students across nine kura kaupapa and Wharekura Māori. The funds will be used to engage whānau workers and local Kaumātua support to deliver a holistic kaupapa Māori approach to improve student and whānau wellbeing, attendance and engagement.

### **Other points of interest**

18. The school competed for the first time by themselves as Te Wharekura o Manurewa at the ASB Polyfest in 2021 in Division 3 of the Māori stage. They placed second in Division 3. In previous years the kura has performed with Te Kura Kaupapa Māori on Puau Te Moananui A Kiwa.

### **Communities of Learning | Kāhui Ako**

19. Te Wharekura o Manurewa does not belong to a Kāhui Ako.

### **Participation in Government Programmes**

#### *School Investment Package*

20. Te Wharekura o Manurewa received \$50,000 of School Investment Package Funding because it is in a Ministry owned site.

#### *School Donations Scheme*

21. The school opted into the School Donations Scheme for 2021 and will receive \$4,658 based on their July 2020 roll return.

#### *Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunch Programme*

22. The school is taking part in the programme. They began serving lunches in February 2021. They have chosen the group delivery model with BiteLAB as their supplier.

23. Te Wharekura o Manurewa and TKKM o Manurewa often work together, therefore lunches for both schools will sometimes get delivered to the one kura. They have indicated the plan is for them to combine once they co-locate.

*Access to Period products*

24. The school has opted into the national implementation of the initiative and will be able to order products from 1 June 2021.

*Learning Support Coordinators (LSC)*

25. The school was not allocated a learning support coordinator.

*Creatives in schools*

26. Te Wharekura o Manurewa did not apply for Round 1 or 2 of the Creatives in Schools projects.