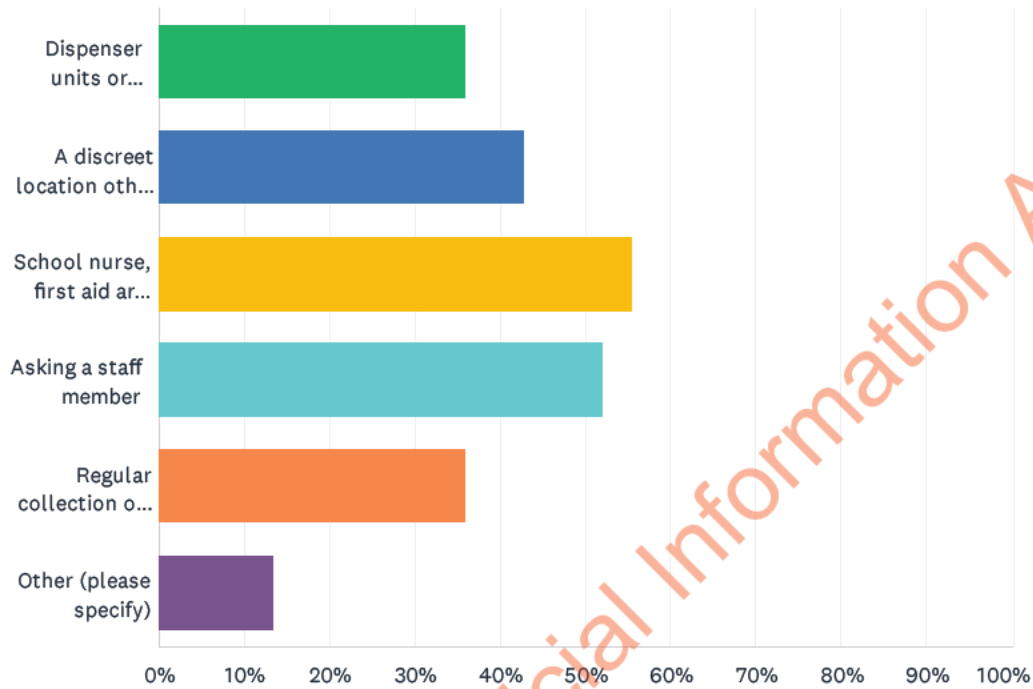


Q1 How do ākonga access ikura (period) products in your school or kura? (select all that apply)

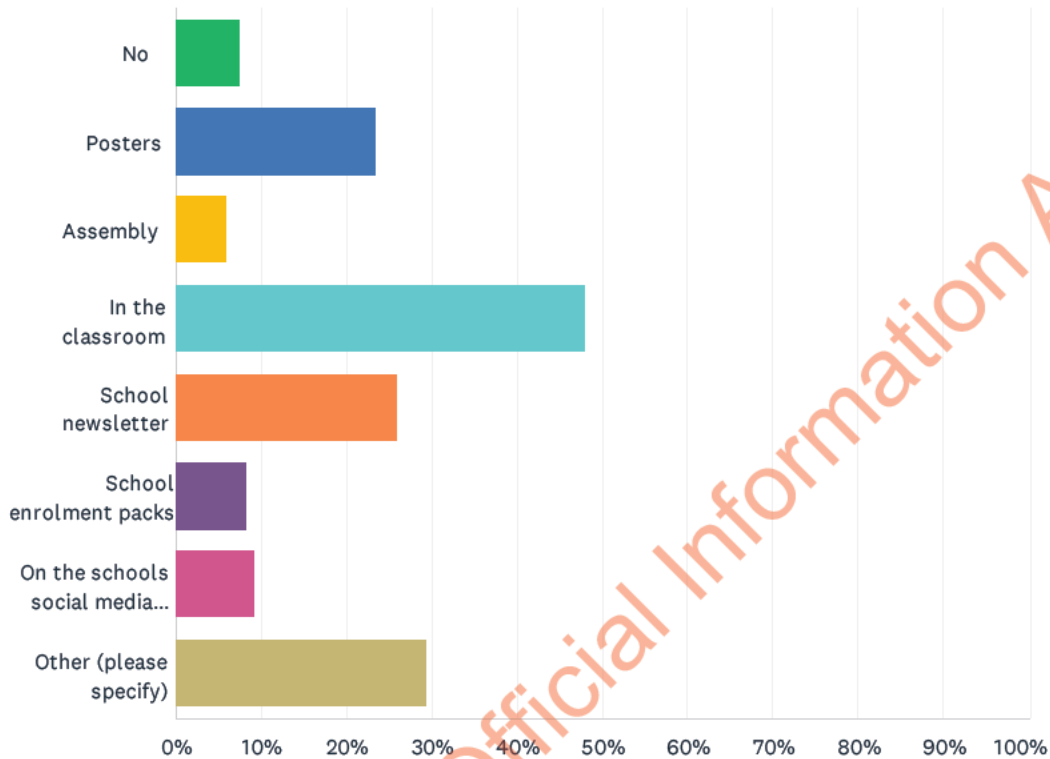
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Dispenser units or bathroom	36.13%	43
A discreet location other than the bathroom (storage cupboard, library, gym etc)	42.86%	51
School nurse, first aid area or office	55.46%	66
Asking a staff member	52.10%	62
Regular collection of products to take home (for students to manage their full cycle)	36.13%	43
Other (please specify)	13.45%	16
Total Respondents: 119		

Q2 Do you promote the initiative to ākonga and your school community, and if so, how? (select all that apply)

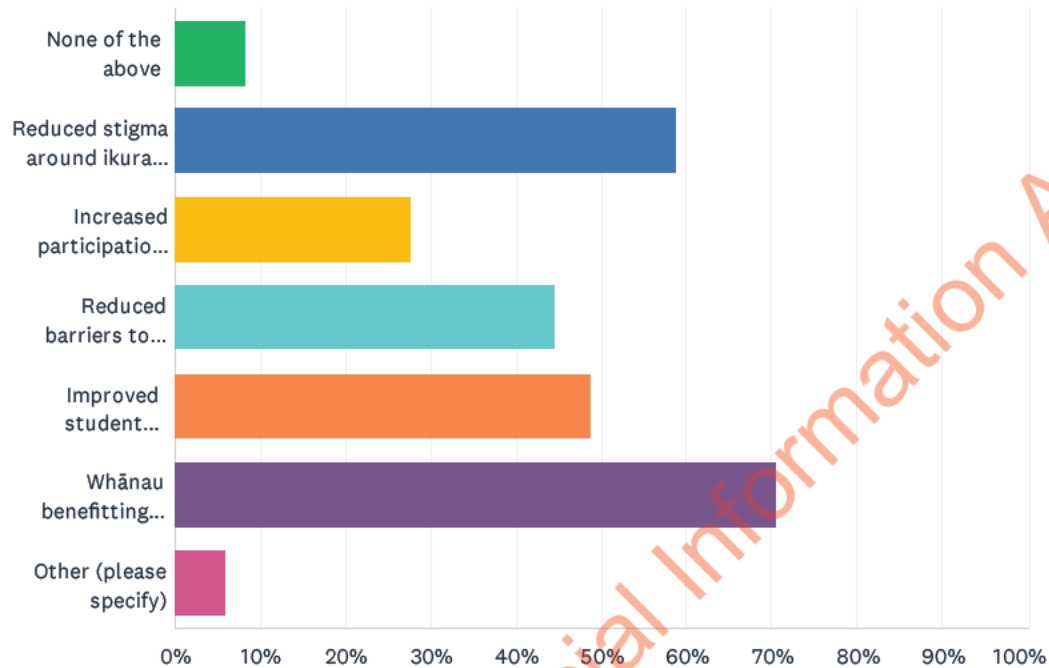
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	7.56%	9
Posters	23.53%	28
Assembly	5.88%	7
In the classroom	47.90%	57
School newsletter	26.05%	31
School enrolment packs	8.40%	10
On the schools social media or website	9.24%	11
Other (please specify)	29.41%	35
Total Respondents: 119		

Q3 Since having ikura (period) products in your school or kura, have you noticed any of the following? (select all that apply)

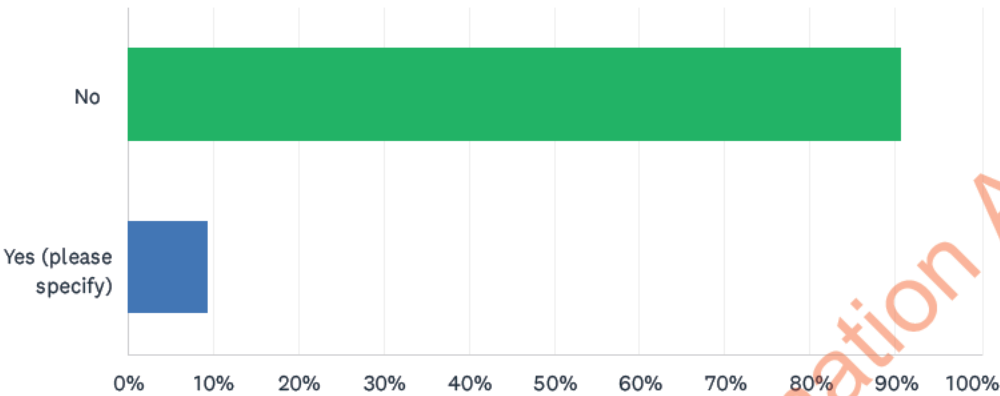
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	8.40%	10
Reduced stigma around ikura (periods)	58.82%	70
Increased participation in sports, physical education or cultural activities	27.73%	33
Reduced barriers to attendance	44.54%	53
Improved student wellbeing	48.74%	58
Whānau benefitting from reduced expenses	70.59%	84
Other (please specify)	5.88%	7
Total Respondents: 119		

Q4 Is distributing ikura (period) products a challenge for your school or kura?

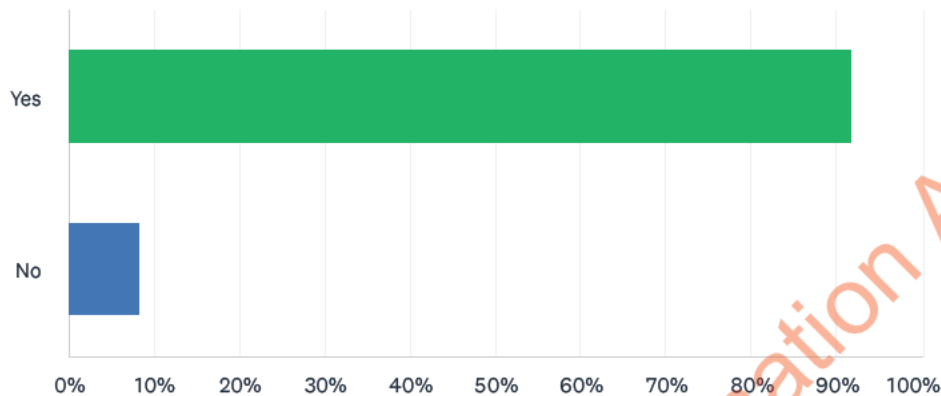
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	90.68%	107
Yes (please specify)	9.32%	11
TOTAL		118

Q5 Are you aware ākonga can take as much product as they need to manage their cycle, including taking product home for school holidays?

Answered: 119 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	91.60%	109
No	8.40%	10
TOTAL		119

Q6 Have you received any feedback on the initiative from ākonga or your school community, if yes, please provide detail

Answered: 65 Skipped: 54

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Q7 Any other comments? e.g. how the initiative could be improved

Answered: 48 Skipped: 71

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SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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Have you received any feedback on the initiative from ākonga or your school community, if yes, please provide detail?

Yes - very thankful as child stayed home before when they were on their cycle.

We have received praise and thanks.

whaanau like the products and have said it has saved of money especially with lots of wahine in the whare

No

Year 7 and 8 teachers have expressed having products for students has been beneficial for participating in sports. School sports team leaders have commented it has allowed students to go on trips.

We have received a significant amount of feedback from whanau in terms of being able to provide these essentials for our tamariki that sometimes whanau are not able to provide these items for their households at times.

Since this initiative began it has been an absolutely a game changer for our girls (especially Maori, Pacific girls) who would always get friends to ask and were embarrassed to take more than 1 sanity item. Now most of them will happily come along to the Main Office or Student Support Centre and ask for 'personal' items and actually not embarrassed if we load them up to take home. Thank you

A great help to one family in particular

A lot of great feedback form mums. By supplying the Ikura products at school and to take home it takes alot of pressure off the household budget and the akonga themselves. It has opened the door for discussions about puberty etc.

some students are surprised when i offer a full pkt - or even more! we try to spread the word through word of mouth too

the students have praised the ability to access products when they need them, some of them live in mainly male households and to have the independence to access products with out feeling whakama has been a huge blessing

all postiive ones

Thank you for have free products from ministry

No

Our students are very grateful thank you.

We inform parents at enrolments and mums are always appreciative

No, we dont need to advertise, so we dont ask for feedback.

Parents are very happy with receiving the products for their daughter. Many have been extremely appreciative, as it has help the family finances greatly.
Very happy that the school has actively removed the stigma and nervousness around this
Appreciation notes and conversations
whaanau are very thankful for Ikura products as it has saved a lot for bigger families.
Homeschooling community is happy to be included, happy with products
Very positive feedback specifically from families that could not afford to supply products for their girls.
Very grateful student
Whaanau appreciate the reduced costs particularly with the increased cost of living.
Yes it's a great financial relief for some of our families
no
Whanau benefit as a reduction to their regular household expenses
Ae, this essential service is really appreciated by our kura, tamariki and whanau
Ka harikoa ngā tauira me ngā mātua i te kore utu me te mōhio kei te nui ngā momo kope, ngā puru rānei
Students are happy and comfortable with how we are managing our products in the school. This is no longer a taboo subject that students are shy to talk about.
parents are grateful
Mums and our female students are extremely grateful.
Parents and students are very appreciative
Yes - parents are so impressed how easy it is for the kids to access the products and it is a huge monetary help.
Hugely appreciated by our students and their families.
only positive and thanks its a big help -verbally
Yes, parent brought concern she could not afford products for herself and daughter so I gave products for them. This is common in low income families.
The service is much appreciated!
no
No
School community happy with provision of products as it saves them money and the range of products suits all.

Not yet
The school community are loving that this is available for our students.
The students are always very grateful
No
No
Only positive feedback. Thankfulness
not from the community, but students are relaxed and happy that products are easily available
yes, they are very grateful
Our girls are absolutely grateful for this opportunity. They used to be shy but now they aren't and are talking to the younger girls and encouraging them to get ikura products too.
parents are very grateful - huge financial help
it has been mainly very positive
Yes, parents have acknowledged and appreciated the initiative
Students very grateful, as a big cost for families of daughters
Families appreciate the help especially with every day living expenses rising
many families tell me how much they appreciate the free products many of them have multiple females in their family so it can be very expensive but this is a way to help them out and they love it, it takes the pressure off for them
no
Yes from the girls saying how great it is
Ākonga and their students really appreciate it
Products are always stocked, easy access, I prefer the Libra brand (pretty packaging attracts these young ladies).
Very positive
No
Students are comfortable to approach kaiako when they need to top up
Teachers feel it is making it easier for students to be discreet about their periods

Any other comments? e.g. how the initiative could be improved

The students like to know that the school has some here if they get their period during a school day.

Toiletry Items ie: body spray, shampoo, soap etc. Our awesome Senior Leadership Team have bought on numerous occasions all of the above items (we may take for granted) for a number of our students to wash and school. In real hardship cases we gladly wash and dry the school clothes and any other item of clothing need be.

At first I was unaware they were to go home and thought they were resources to assist schools. Maybe more clarity? With the amount of emails coming through each day it is hard to always read and reread things as thoroughly as we would like. Thanks so supporting.

It is so needed and our girls always take what they can to help them manage their periods.

It is a great initiative and has changed many young girls lives!

we are Very grateful on the North shore- our area often gets 'left out' of funding etc- we have MANY families in need also!

i feel the initiative could use with perhaps being able to supply a small wet bag and possibly some basic underwear for those girls caught unaware at school. just one pair for girls just in case of emergency or leakage would help bring autonomy and confidence at school during a scared time

Happy that we have produces on hand.

Staff, students and whanau are very appreciative of this initiative.

The packaging packets are very small. Are we able to look at bigger bags. We do give our students a good supply not a few from the packet. Perhaps some flushable wipes could be included?

Yes I do, some of our girls actually bleed heavier than what we are allowed to order. How can I up our limit to cater for this. If someone could contact me about this please. eg: 1 pack will last 24 hour if that for a heavy bleeder.

As a home school community been included in this as been a huge blessing to families. They are all extremely appreciative. Have pads without wing or tampons with applicators would be beneficial to many. However everyone appreciates what they get.

The website is hard to use. Every time I spend ages trying to get to the site and then get to the order page. Please make it easier for me.

An excellent resource for the student's well-being.

More sustainable products would be a good opt on to have eg menstrual cups, period undies

We are so pleased how the stigma associated with periods is reducing with the easy access to products.

More advertising about Akonga at school and we are so grateful to provide this for our female students.

A fantastic resource that we can access for our young ladies. Thank you!

Allowing dispensers for small schools would be great - not needing a minimum number of students to access those.

We don't have dispensers in school but we may get better uptake if students were able to discretely collect from dispensers in the bathrooms.

Girls do not like the slim line pads & prefer thicker products. All products are freely available & no students are limited in what they can take for the week.
We do not currently benefit from this service, but would love to be considered.
He rawe te kaupapa nei kia mōhio pū kei ngā kōhine katoa ēnei momo taputapu.
This is a fantastic initiative and we are all grateful to be able to support our young woman and their whanau.
Christian girls have high levels of modesty. We need to work on breaking down some barriers
Thank you for this blessed initiative.
There are many requests for reusable products like underwear or cups
We need to do better at advertising this for our community. Our kids know, but do all of our parents? Great next step for us.
This initiative has been well received by our school/ We are a Northland school where financially it is difficult for some families and there are the girls and families who have been the most appreciative.
We are a full primary school up to Year 8. We would love more dispensers as we are finding Year 5 students are getting their periods. A regular comment made to me by the girls as they would love a thicker and a night pad. Our students are not confident enough to use tampons.
No
There is a lot of packaging, boxes inside boxes. If the supplier could put the pads into larger boxes to start with it would save the government on unnecessary and somewhat excessive packaging, not to mention having to discard them all. Could also do with a pad that deals with heavy blood flow as even the super are quite thin. These tend to be the students who might stay home as pain also stronger.
This is awesome thank you so much!
One of the best initiatives to come out, as we have seen in our Kura over the years some as young as 9 are getting periods. And we supported those whānau around Ikura. With the help of this initiative it has helped the kura with the financial burden.
They should be provided to female students in a token or credit scheme to redeem from supermarkets on a as need basis not free to waste as the current system was or still is.
certain brands are preferred for use and we have requests for them due to better fit - libra brand pads have the most requests - the sports and girl fit
Best initiative ever.
really appreciate the support by being part of this initiative
Are you going to roll out the period pants to schools?
often asked for environmentally friendly options like underwear or cups, these also would be good options especially for our kids in wheelchairs or that have disabilities that affect being able to use products like pads or tampons
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No need improved. we got everything. (poster and story is cool. easy to understand) thank you for the support for our students.
I also leave some products in the bathroom This is all about equity for all
It's working well and students know they can ask without being embarrassed about it.
An absolute need for our Rangatahi, very appreciative.
We has a nan who has recently taken in her granddaughter who at enrolment was told about Ikura period products that she didnt know about. She was very grateful for the supply as its been a while since shes had to deal with the situation and different products available.
We find that the dispensers are regularly vandalised, with products stuck to the ceiling in the bathroom and tampons strung together. We try to tell students what an enormous benefit these products are but some don't listen. Generally students just come and get them when they are 'caught short'. I tried to instigate a way of sending packages home regularly with students but this wasn't well received as no-one could think of a good way of doing this logistically. I thought packs given out in class time would be good but male teachers weren't keen and female teachers didn't want it all left to them. There is still a stigma around these products and I don't feel we distribute them in a way that reaches all students. We also don't do anything to monitor their use except for looking at how many have been taken from student services.
We are really pleased to be able to provide period products to our students. Some students regularly come and stock up, others take a pack from time to time and some only want to come and grab a pad or two if they need them. It's fantastic that the students can take as much as they need for the holidays. As above - our students have requested we put pad dispensers in each of the toilet stalls - they have said they will come and take product to top up the dispensers if we can provide dispensers. This is our biggest request