

Catchment description

The Christchurch East catchment is a large suburban area extending east from the central city to the coast. It stretches from Marshland in the north to Lyttelton in the south. The catchment is within the rohe of Ngāi Tahu.

The eastern suburbs were greatly affected by the 2011 earthquakes, with many houses demolished and land unable to be rebuilt on (residential red zones). Regeneration work is ongoing and we are working with the Christchurch City Council to understand where more intensive development will occur within the city.

As a result of the 2011 earthquakes, the population in Christchurch East dropped as many whānau left this area and relocated to other parts of the city, or further afield. After a number of years of lower school rolls, the school rolls within this catchment have now increased to a level higher than pre-earthquakes and are projected to remain reasonably stable over the next decade. There is a higher degree of transience of whānau in this catchment.

The 2021 combined school roll of all schools in this catchment is 13,683 ākonga, which is very similar to the 2020 and 2019 rolls.

What's influencing the education system in this catchment?



Earthquake impact

- There are clear pathways for students within the catchment from early learning through to secondary level. Haeata Community Campus (Y1-13) in Aranui is an example of this, opening in 2016 in response to the post-quake merger of three primary schools and one secondary school to create a single campus.
- Most of the state schools have enrolment schemes in place, providing clear pathways for students. This can lead to issues if a student is excluded from the only school they are in zone for. We will continue to seek solutions for these situations as they occur. Avonside Girls' High School and Shirley Boys' High School - Ngā Tama o Ōruapaeroa currently have two enrolment zones in place (permanent and transitional zones) for the relocated campus.
- Most of the schools are well utilised in this catchment. There is slightly more capacity than demand meaning schools are well placed to accommodate local enrolments. We will continue to monitor school rolls to identify any trends in roll numbers.



Kāhui Ako

- There are six Kāhui Ako in this catchment (Ōtākaro, Tamai, Katote, Aupaki, Te Taura Here o Ōtautahi Kāhui Ako and the Christchurch Catholic Community of Learning). Another group of schools, while not in a Kāhui Ako, are working collaboratively as a cluster to share professional knowledge and develop meaningful relationships between schools that students transition to or from. These close ties strengthen student pathways and learning.
- Some of these Kāhui Ako have a strong focus on improving the transition to tertiary, working with vocational training institute Ara and the University of Canterbury.



Leadership and governance

- Four of the schools have relatively new principals, however board turnover is low and new board chairs are mostly from within the existing board providing stability.



Pacific languages

- Te Waka Unua School offers a Samoan Enrichment Programme which is integrated throughout the school with support from Pacific staff members.
- Te Aratai College and Shirley Boys' High School - Ngā Tama o Ōruapaeroa offer Samoan language NCEA Levels 1-3.
- Avonside Girls' High School (as well as Hillmorton High School, Christchurch Boys' High School, Villa Maria College, Middleton Grange School and Riccarton High School) have piloted or continue to run a Pacific studies subject over the last academic year. These courses, which differ at each school, offer a range of NCEA credits (both achievement and unit standards) that cover Pacific history, culture, language and social studies.



Learning support

- There has been a lot of upheaval for families in this catchment since the earthquakes, and students have felt the effects. This catchment has a higher exclusion rate than other areas of the city. Attendance continues to be an issue for secondary learners.
- There are two specialist schools in this catchment (Ferndale Te Ahu and Ko Taku Reo, (National School for learners who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing). Ferndale Te Ahu has satellite classes at Haeata, on the co-located Avonside Girls' and Shirley Boys', Marshland School, and Linwood Avenue School. Ferndale Te Ahu also has a post-secondary transition programme in New Brighton.
- Ko Taku Reo is currently based in this catchment with an administration centre in Sumner. All students enrolled at Ko Taku Reo attend satellite classes in other parts of the city although the residential facilities are also located in Sumner.
- Mairehau High School operates a special programme ("Supported Learning Centre") for students with ORS and caters for up to 20 learners.
- Three of the Kāhui Ako have received funding for 20 learning support co-ordinator roles.



Māori medium

- There is one kura in this catchment (Te Pā o Rākaihautū), providing bilingual learning for Y1-15 ākonga. Four other schools have bilingual units at primary level, and two more primary schools are working to shift from offering Māori medium Levels 3-4 to offering Levels 1-2 Māori medium education.
- As is the case nationally, a shortage of qualified kaiako is a significant impediment to developing further opportunities for Māori medium learning.

Here's what is already underway to help us manage education provision in this catchment:



- Most of the state schools have implemented enrolment schemes
- We are working with the Christchurch City Council to look at spatial plans that will influence where more intensive development will occur within the city.



- All of the state schools in this catchment are part of the Christchurch Schools Rebuild investment programme. Avonside Girls' High School and Shirley Boys' High School - Ngā Tama o Ōruapaeroa moved into their new co-located campus in 2019. Te Raekura Redcliffs School rebuild has recently been completed. Other schools in this catchment are at differing stages of the design and construction process, with some schools requiring total rebuild, and other refurbishments.



- As part of the rebuild of Te Aratai College, supported learning facilities have been designed (for up to 16 ORS learners) to support inclusive pathways from the local primary schools into secondary education.

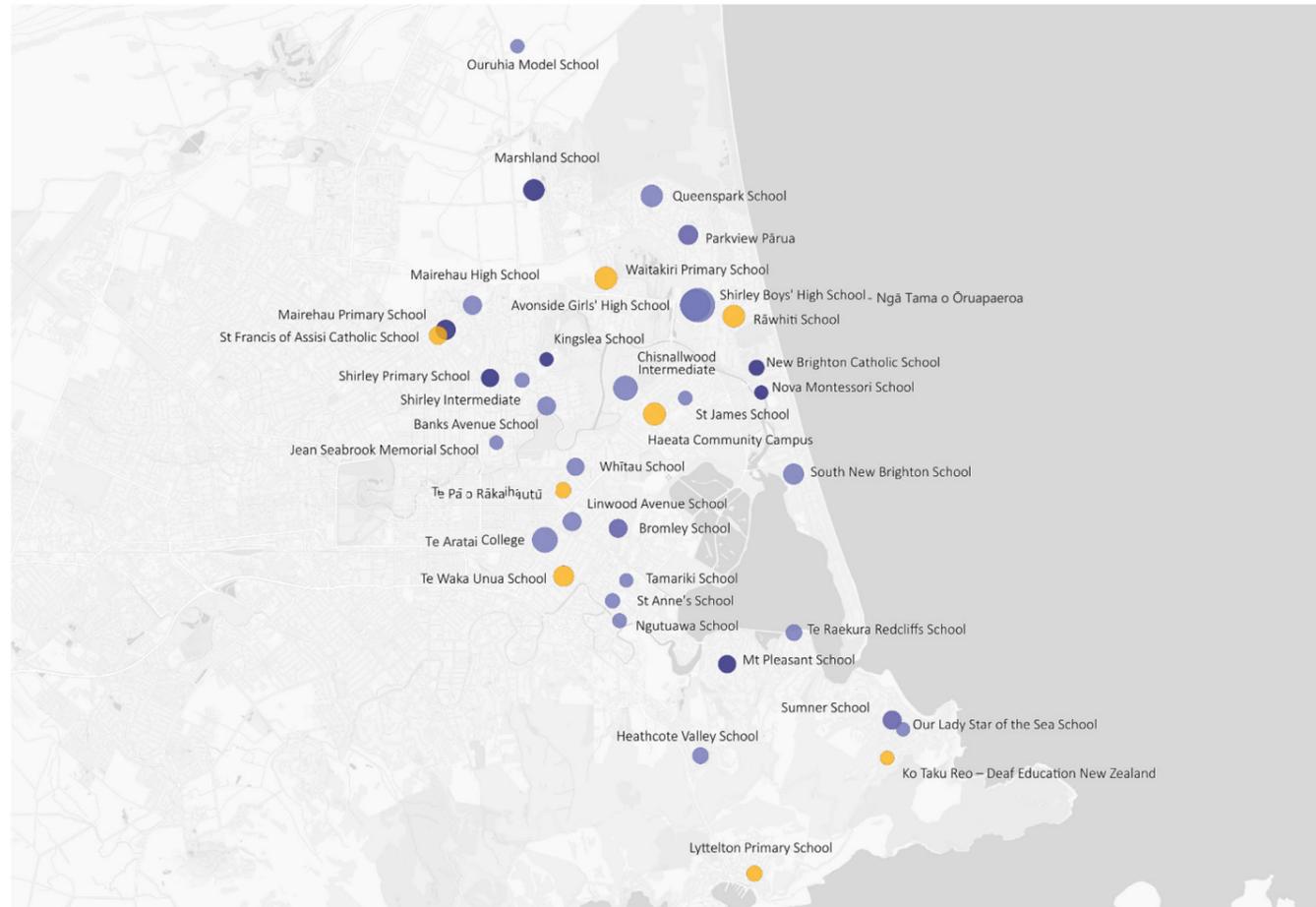


- The Ministry is working closely with other agencies and the community in this catchment to support students and whānau. Kā Au Kahuraki is an innovative, co-designed, community-based programme of projects led by the Joint Venture (JV), Mana Whenua, Ngāi Tūāhūriri, Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga, the Ministry of Education, and Nga Pirihimana o Aotearoa, New Zealand Police (NZ Police).

Kā Au Kahuraki aims to build safe, equitable, better connected and thriving communities for whānau and tamariki aged 0-5 years' old in Ōtautahi ki te Rāwhiti, East Christchurch where tamariki know who they are and where they belong. The programme takes a mana enhancing, evidence-based, prevention-first approach to the complex challenges facing our communities



- We are providing funding and resourcing support to children with additional learning and behaviour support needs. A number of early learning centres have participated in the Oral Language and Literacy Initiative over the last few years. Other programmes focus on quality participation, transitions to schooling for 0-5 year olds, and support literacy and learning success.



The **Christchurch East Catchment Plan** will meet the needs of New Zealand's changing schooling network, benefiting an estimated **13,500 learners/ākonga** each year over the next decade to 2030. There are 38 schools/kura in this catchment.

July 2021	Primary	Composite	Secondary	Specialist	Total
Number of schools	30	2	4	2	38
Total funded roll	9,299	819	3,350	215	13,683
MME Level 1 & 2	217	125	0	0	342
ORS-funded roll	69	13	26	89	197
Māori roll	2,189	542	856	102	3,689
Pacific roll	692	98	253	37	1,080

Map key:
% roll change over 10-year period

- Opened in last 10 years
- High growth
- Moderate growth
- Low growth
- Stable/decline

Note: Roll growth at schools indicated on this map is based on a percentage change in roll numbers over a 10-year period, and may indicate higher (or lower) roll growth than absolute numbers suggest.

Potential responses to shaping a stronger education system across the Christchurch East catchment:



Learning support

- We will continue to work with organisations such as Oranga Tamariki, Mana Ake and others to help provide support for, and strengthen relationships with vulnerable students and their families.
- We will work with Ferndale Te Ahu as it explores the option of relocating the base school into this catchment, so they are more central to their satellites.
- There is an opportunity to continue to work across the wider catchment so that ORS resourcing is well utilised.



Engagement and collaboration

- New leadership in some of the Kāhui Ako provides an opportunity for the schools in this catchment to continue strengthening their connections and support for one another.
- We will continue to encourage increased collaboration to strengthen the transitions between primary and secondary schooling, as well as tertiary transitions, particularly for schools not part of a Kāhui Ako.



Strengthening the Māori medium pathway

- We will work with the Christchurch East schools, rūnanga and whānau to better understand the demand and opportunities for providing dual medium pathways within the catchment, particularly at secondary level.
- A regional plan for the future of Māori medium education provision in Canterbury has been developed and will be used to engage and discuss ways to grow and strengthen Māori medium education with sector groups, kura, whānau and others.