

### Catchment description

Napier is a port city located in the Hawke's Bay region on the eastern coast of the North Island. The Napier catchment extends from the Ngaruroro River south of the city, to encompass the surrounding rural area in the north and west (within the Hastings District). The catchment contains 41 state, state integrated schools and kura mostly located in the Napier urban area with a small number of schools located rurally.

Napier serves the larger rural economy of the Hawke's Bay region with the economy dominated by manufacturing, agriculture, horticulture and viticulture. Traditionally, Napier has also been a thriving tourist destination and the port is the main export point for the products of the region.

The total population of Napier is about 62,800 as of June 2019, an increase of about 8% since 2013. Similarly, the school-age population increased by a similar amount (about 7%) between 2013 and 2018.

### What's influencing the education system in this catchment?



#### Network management

- Most urban primary schools in Napier have enrolment schemes in place. There is some overlap between primary enrolment home zones, leaving two parts of the city effectively "unzoned".
- The three intermediate school enrolment scheme boundaries overlap, and not all secondary schools have enrolment schemes in place. This means there is available capacity for Year 7-13 students across the Napier catchment.
- A number of small rural schools in this catchment service a very large geographical area.



#### Leadership and governance

- The leadership and governance of schools in the Napier catchment is generally strong. Three schools have recently returned to self-management after a period of statutory management.
- In the more rural areas of the catchment, and like many rural catchments across the country, it can be difficult to attract experienced principals. We have provided targeted support at some schools in the catchment in relation to governance and leadership, and to further support less experienced leaders.



#### Māori medium

- While there is no puna reo, there are 14 Kōhanga Reo located across the catchment. Beyond early learning, there are limited options for continuing the Māori immersion pathway in this catchment. There is one wharekura, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Ara Hou, offering Māori medium education through Years 1-15; and Maraenui Bilingual School provides for Years 1-8.



#### Kāhui Ako

- There are a number of Kāhui Ako in the Napier catchment, including Mataruahou, Ōtātara, Matariki, Ahuriri and Whirinaki and these are relatively stable. Some early learning services are a part of Kāhui Ako.



#### Learning Support

- There is increasing demand for more Learning Support options across the catchment, with a desire for a mainstream-high needs integrated schooling option, similar to the Riverdale model in Gisborne.
- The location of satellite units at local schools influences whānau choice for schooling.
- Fairhaven Specialist School is located in this catchment and provides for ORS funded students at both the base site and at satellites. Hōhepa School (a private specialist school) also provides both residential and day programmes for children aged 7-21 years. This school currently has an application for integration status underway.



#### Early childhood education

- There are 14 Kōhanga Reo and two Purapura (Kohimarama and Whitau) in the Napier catchment. There is ample provision of mainstream early learning centres in the urban area, with some providing transport options for children in order to attract families. There are two Samoan language early learning centres in Napier.
- An increase in home-based care rolls is correlated to declining playgroup rolls, particularly in the rural areas.



#### School buses/transport

- As the majority of education provision in the Napier catchment is in an urban setting transport is only provided to rural and integrated schools. Enrolment scheme boundaries in the south of the catchment contribute to transport policy challenges.

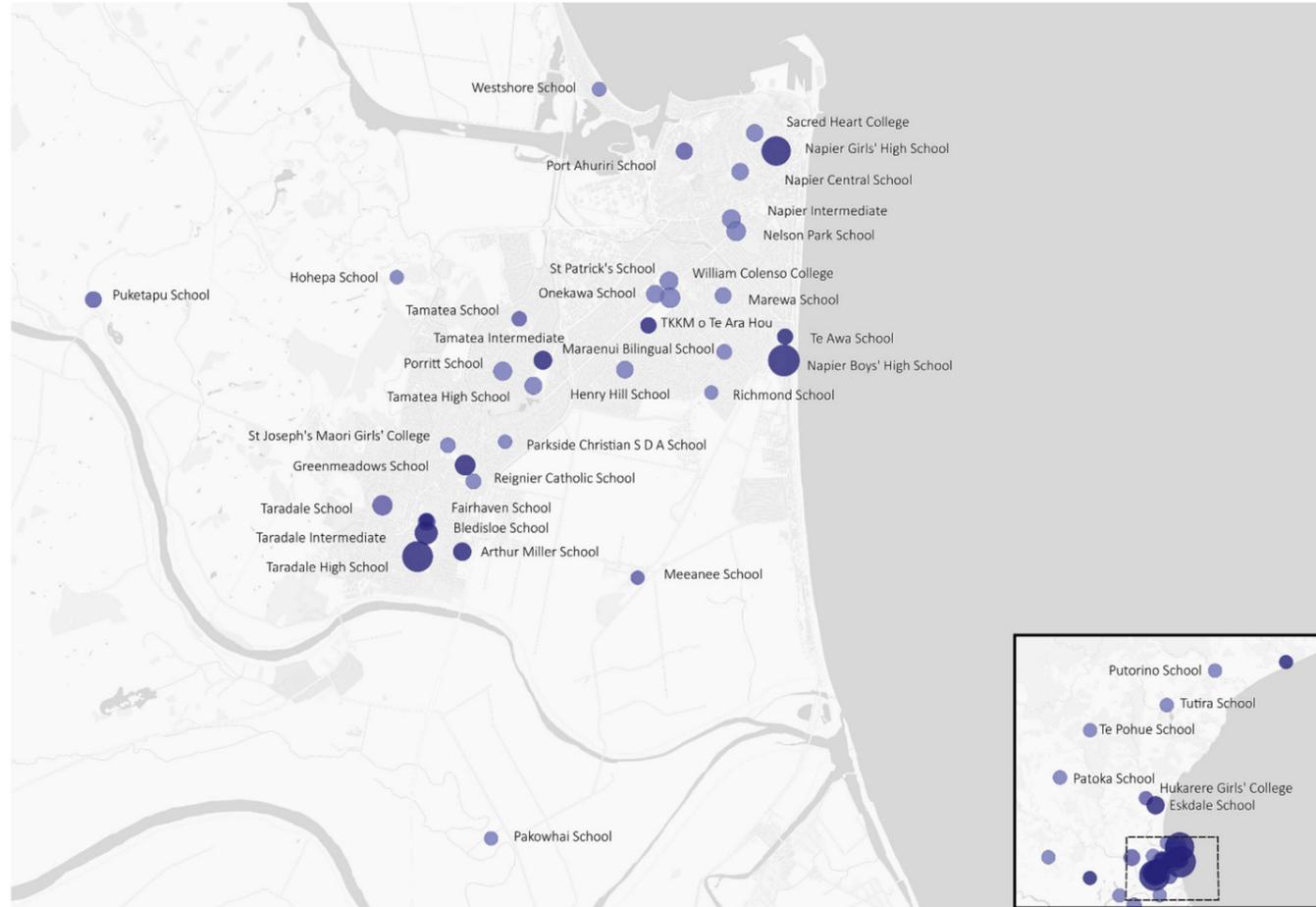
### Here's what is already underway to help us manage education provision in this catchment:



- We are continuing to target support for schools in relation to governance and leadership.
- A commissioner is providing support to one school within the Napier catchment.



- A number of schools have been identified as requiring property improvements and are being prioritised by condition.
- A number of schools in the catchment have been identified as requiring some level of investment through the Pre-fabricated Modular Classrooms program.
- Three schools have recently been provided with additional teaching space as a result of roll growth (Eskdale, Porritt and Greenmeadows Schools).



The **Napier Catchment Plan** will meet the needs of New Zealand's changing schooling network, benefiting an estimated **12,000 learners/ākonga** each year over the next decade to 2030. There are 41 schools/kura in this catchment.

July 2021	Primary	Composite	Secondary	Specialist	Total
Number of schools	30	2	8	1	<b>41</b>
Total roll	7,274	261	4,401	81	<b>12,017</b>
MME Level 1 & 2	180	217	0	0	<b>397</b>
ORS-funded roll	28	36	15	81	<b>160</b>
Māori roll	2,618	234	1,565	45	<b>4,462</b>
Pacific roll	262	2	161	1	<b>426</b>

**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 Central Hawkes Bay catchment

#### Network management

- We plan to work with primary schools to support better management of enrolment schemes, including comprehensively reviewing scheme boundaries.
- As part of the review of enrolment scheme boundaries, we will consider potential alignment with transport policy mechanism to improve transparency and clarity around funding.
- We will continue to review and monitor rolls at small rural schools in the outlying areas.

#### Property

- Planned school property projects provide an opportunity to consider appropriate rebuild rolls for individual schools, as well as the opportunity for future Māori medium education provision.

#### Māori medium

- In conjunction with the Hastings catchment, we plan to consider how to support and grow Māori medium education provision for Napier and Hastings schools to enable all tamariki from Kōhanga Reo to have access to a full Māori language education pathway.