

### Catchment description

Masterton is the largest town in the Wairarapa, located approximately 90 minutes northeast of Wellington City. The Masterton catchment encompasses the town and the wider rural area extending east towards the coast. The town services a number of rural industries, particularly agriculture and forestry.

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



#### Changing population profiles

- Population growth between 2013 and 2018 was most evident in the 25-29 year old age bracket. This aligns with anecdotal evidence that there are more young couples and families moving to this catchment, as a result of good transport links, developments, and more affordable housing.
- Collectively, the five primary schools in the urban area are currently operating near capacity and rolls are expected to continue growing.



#### Enrolment schemes/zones

- Historically, schools in this catchment have had surplus capacity available. This has enabled those schools that have enrolment schemes in place to enrol out of zone students.



#### Network structure

- The Masterton schooling network was reviewed in 2003 to take into account a changing demographic and declining rolls and population. This review resulted in several schools merging or closing. Within the urban area, there are now four contributing schools, one full primary, an intermediate and three state secondary schools (including one kura). The surrounding areas are served by smaller primary schools. The catchment has several state and state integrated secondary schools (six in total).
- Masterton has four state-integrated secondary schools, including single sex options for both sexes. There are also two state integrated primary schools.



#### Investment

- This catchment has a large component of ageing building stock. There is a significant redevelopment underway for Wairarapa College and we are working with Makoura College on replacing older buildings and removing surplus classrooms. Douglas Park School has recently converted an old building into new quality learning spaces.



#### Māori learners/ākonga

- There is one kura in this catchment (TKKM o Wairarapa) which enrolls about 90 ākonga in Level 1 Māori immersion education.



#### Kāhui Ako

- There is strong Kāhui Ako dual leadership in this catchment. While the Kāhui Ako is relatively young, it has moved into implementation quickly. The pathway from early learning to tertiary education is very strong.



#### Leadership and governance

- There has been a change in leadership in this catchment with new principals starting at Solway College and Mauriceville School in 2019. There have also been recent leadership changes at Makoura College and Wairarapa College.



#### Early childhood education

- There are 24 early learning providers in this catchment, 16 of them belonging to the Kāhui Ako.



#### Learning Support

- This community was allocated 10 Learning Support Co-ordinators (LSC) and has developed a Learning Support register that has helped them identify the learning support needs across Masterton.
- There is some demand from families seeking the establishment of a dedicated learning support provision in this catchment.



#### Transitional partnerships

- Wairarapa Rural Education Activities Programme (REAP) has a strong presence in this catchment operating the at-risk youth programme Ngā Pūmanawa Tūpuna. Youth to Work Wairarapa (Y2WW), a Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs initiative, provides transitional support for school leavers into local employment opportunities. There are limited local tertiary options via UCol and Te Wānanga o Aotearoa satellite campuses. The closing of Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre in late 2018 was a disappointing loss to the educational landscape of this catchment but work is underway to reopen the campus under new ownership.
- There is solid Trades Academy and Gateway engagement across the secondary schools. Makoura College has recently implemented Project Based Learning into its curriculum which has enhanced its relationships with the local community. University-bound students have to commute significant distances or leave the catchment to continue their study.

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



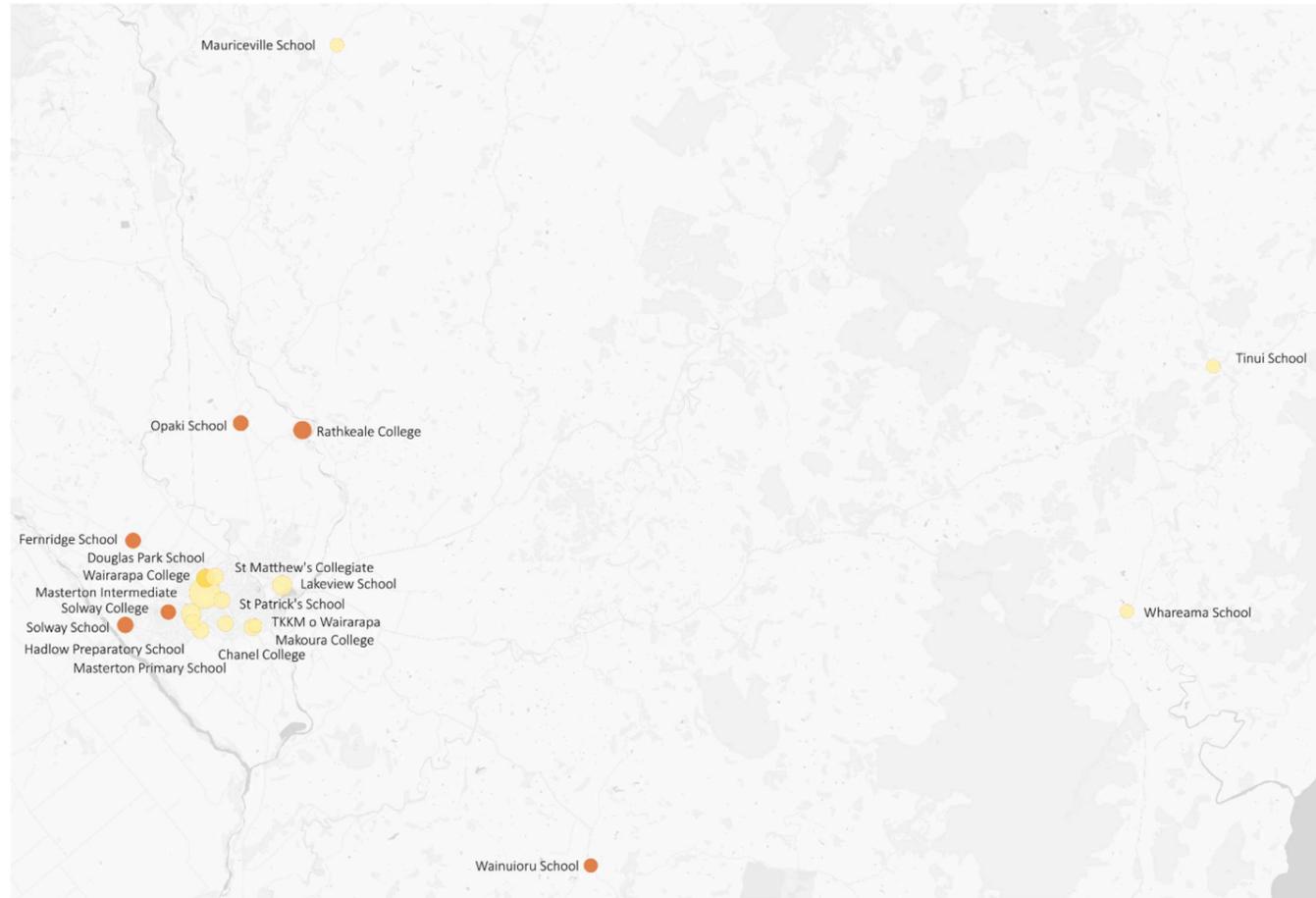
- We are working with some schools in Masterton to implement enrolment schemes.
- We have continued to encourage schools in this catchment to restrict the number of out of zone enrolments in preparation for future roll growth.



- We are in the initial planning stages of establishing a specialist school satellite class in this catchment.
- We delivered two additional teaching spaces for Solway School.
- We have allocated additional teaching spaces for TKKM o Wairarapa.



- We are working with iwi and local and central government agencies to develop the Wellington Regional Growth Framework. The Framework is looking at challenges and opportunities to accommodate population growth in the overall Wellington region over the next 30 years.



The **Masterton Catchment Plan** will meet the needs of New Zealand's changing schooling network, benefiting an estimated **5,400 learners/ākonga** each year over the next decade to 2030. There are 20 schools/kura in this catchment.

July 2021	Primary	Composite	Secondary	Specialist	Total
Number of schools	13	1	6	0	<b>20</b>
Total funded roll	2,762	93	2,359	0	<b>5,214</b>
MME Level 1 & 2	0	90	0	0	<b>90</b>
ORS-funded roll	37	0	36	0	<b>73</b>
Māori roll	955	92	591	0	<b>1,638</b>
Pacific roll	112	1	92	0	<b>205</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 Masterton catchment:



#### Rural and isolated schools

- There are diverse challenges for the operation of remote rural schools such as Whareama, Tinui, Wainuioru and Mauriceville. We are looking at how we can further support these schools.



#### Enrolment schemes/zones

- We will continue to work with schools that have an enrolment scheme to ensure it is still fit for purpose and enables them to manage future growth. We will work with the Masterton urban primary schools to collaboratively review their enrolment schemes.
- We will work with some schools to implement new enrolment schemes, as required.
- We plan to work with Masterton Intermediate and Wairarapa College to continue discussions around implementing an enrolment scheme to ensure a balanced secondary network across the Masterton and South Wairarapa catchments.



#### Learning Support

- We will develop a plan to identify the Learning Support pathways in the Masterton catchment, and investigate options for a potential learning support satellite.