

Catchment description

The Porirua North catchment includes the suburbs of Pāuatahanui, Plimmerton, Paremata, Whitby, Pukerua Bay and Aotea. The catchment borders Kāpiti to the north and surrounds the Pāuatahanui Inlet including a large hinterland. It lies within Porirua City and is one of four cities making up the Wellington metropolitan area.

Census 2018 data shows a city-wide population of more than 56,000, an increase of 9.4% since 2013. Within the Porirua North catchment, there has been significant population growth centred around Aotea, Endeavour and Postgate.

What's influencing the education system in this catchment?



Changing population profiles

- Large-scale subdivision and development within Aotea has impacted on the rolls of schools in this catchment, particularly Papakōwhai School and Aotea College which have seen significant growth over the last 5 years.
- Porirua City Council predict that there is potential to build between 9,000 and 10,500 additional homes across Porirua City by 2048. This includes the Plimmerton Farm development of approximately 2,500 new homes.



Parental choice influencing utilisation

- Traditionally, there has been high student movement in this catchment with many schools having large numbers of out of zone students enrolled. All but one of the primary schools in this catchment operate enrolment schemes. Many of the schools' enrolment schemes are outdated and no longer fit for purpose.



Network structure

- There is one state-integrated school in this catchment. St Theresa's School is a Catholic Y1-6 primary school in Plimmerton. While there is no Catholic secondary provision in this catchment, Bishop Viard College (a co-educational Y7-13 secondary) is located in the neighbouring Porirua West catchment.



Investment in school property

- The condition of property in Porirua North varies across the portfolio. A lot of the building stock was built in the 1970's. We are providing additional funding at a number of these schools to address infrastructure issues.
- The technology hub used by schools in this catchment is located at Plimmerton School. The building is made up of several relocatable buildings which are in a poor condition. We plan to review technology provision in this catchment as part of a review of technology provision in the wider Porirua area.



Māori learners/ākonga

- There is one Kōhanga Reo in this catchment with 20 ākonga enrolled as at July 2020.
- There is no provision for Māori medium education at Level 1 or 2 in this catchment. Students from Porirua North seeking an education through the Māori medium must travel to attend Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Porirua in the Porirua East catchment.



Kāhui Ako

- The schools in this catchment are part of the Porirua North Kāhui Ako.
- This Kāhui Ako is focused on Hauora/Wellbeing, Ara Tika pathways and Auaha innovation.



Leadership and governance

- There is strong and highly functioning leadership at schools across this catchment.



Transitional partnerships

- Aotea College is very active in the secondary transitions space with large numbers of students enrolled in Trades Academies and Gateway programmes. Aotea College is also very active in seeking partnerships with local employers and tertiary organisations. The college uses Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resourcing funded courses as a way for students to trial pathway options for following years.
- Although not directly impacted by the Porirua Regeneration project, the opportunities that arise will benefit the students within this catchment through work placement and other potential engagement with the project including a potential jobs and skills hub to service all of Porirua.



Early childhood education

- There are 17 early childhood services in this catchment. These services range from Playcentre to privately owned and community-based learning.



Learning Support

- There is no dedicated learning support provision in Northern Porirua.

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



- We are investigating the requirement for additional primary provision in this catchment as a response to proposed development, as well as exploring whether additional secondary provision may also be required in the future.



- We are working with schools to effectively manage enrolment schemes including managing down out of zone enrolments.
- Pukerua Bay School has implemented a new enrolment scheme.



- We are working closely with schools in this catchment to upgrade existing property stock. We have allocated additional teaching spaces to Aotea College to accommodate the growing roll.
- We have also invested in additional classrooms at Papakōwhai, Adventure and Discovery Schools to accommodate growing primary rolls.



- 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.



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.

The **Porirua North 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 12 schools/kura in this catchment.

July 2021	Primary	Composite	Secondary	Specialist	Total
Number of schools	10	0	2	0	12
Total funded roll	3,690	0	1,316	0	5,006
MME Level 1 & 2	0	0	0	0	0
ORS-funded roll	34	0	2	0	36
Māori roll	707	0	318	0	1,025
Pacific roll	443	0	199	0	642

Potential responses to shaping a stronger education system across the Porirua North catchment:

Enrolment schemes/zones

- We will work collaboratively with primary schools in this catchment to review enrolment schemes to ensure that they are fit for purpose.

Network management

- We will investigate future Year 7-8 technology provision in the Porirua catchments to determine how best to provide for this, including assessing the need for a dedicated technology hub.

Investment in school property

- We will continue to invest in providing additional classrooms to schools where necessary to accommodate growing school rolls.