

Upper Hutt: Steady Growing

Education Network Plan

Catchment description

Upper Hutt lies on State Highway 2 north of Wellington. The catchment extends from Silverstream in the south to Te Mārua in the north at the base of the Remutaka hill. The majority of the urban area is located on the floodplains of the Hutt River, with several smaller rural settlements in the hills and valleys to the east. The catchment is encompassed by the Upper Hutt City Council.

Census 2018 data for Upper Hutt City shows a population of almost 44,000, an increase of 9% since 2013. The suburbs with the highest growth rates between 2013 and 2018 were Riverstone Terraces and Trentham South.

What's influencing the education system in this catchment?



Changing population profiles

- Historically, there has not been large population growth in this catchment. As a consequence, not many schools operated enrolment schemes in this catchment and so students have historically been able to attend schools of their choice across Upper Hutt, regardless of where they lived.
- Since 2012, the student population within this catchment has grown by almost 300 students. The 2018 Census showed that between 2013 and 2018 the biggest growth was in the 25-34 year old cohort, which grew by more than 2,800 people, while the 5-9 year old cohort grew by 408 children.
- There are several large developments underway or planned in Upper Hutt. The furthest along is Wallaceville, with about 700 new dwellings. We anticipate that this will result in more than 300 additional school-age children in this catchment.
- We understand that there will be more developments across Upper Hutt. These, coupled with young families moving into existing homes, will continue to impact on school rolls. Whilst there is currently capacity across some schools in this catchment, we are planning now to ensure that we have capacity in the right locations to cater for this growth.



Enrolment schemes/zones

- In anticipation of future growth, we have been working with schools to implement and amend enrolment schemes. Currently, 11 of the schools in this catchment have enrolment schemes in place. Hutt International Boys' School does not operate an enrolment scheme but has demonstrated that it does meet the criteria to implement a new scheme.



Network structure

- There are four state integrated schools in this catchment. Two are co-educational full primary schools (Y1-8), being St Joseph's School and St Brendan's School. The other two state integrated schools are single sex secondary schools (both for boys). These are St Patrick's College (Y9-15) and Hutt International Boys' School (Y7-15). There are no state integrated secondary pathways for girls in this catchment.



Investment in school property

- Many of the schools in this region have significant building plans to address ageing infrastructure, weather tightness issues, classroom upgrades, and roofing replacements.



Māori learners/ākonga

- Almost 23% of students enrolled in schools within this catchment identify as Māori.
- There is no Māori medium provision in the Upper Hutt catchment. Some students travel south to Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Ara Whānui based in Petone, which is the only kura in the Hutt Valley.



Kāhui Ako

- Although not an established Kāhui Ako, 19 of the Upper Hutt schools meet regularly together as a cluster, namely the 'Upper Hutt Education Network'. This cluster received 16 Learning Support Coordinator positions in the first tranche.



Leadership and governance

- There are no leadership issues in this catchment with many principals in place for several years.



Transitional partnerships

- There are a number of initiatives in place through education to employment programmes including initiatives for students from Year 8 through to Year 13.
- Ōrongomai Marae offers a driver licence programme which helps teach road rules and also help with costs of the tests.
- VIBE one-stop shop for Youth Health & Support Services have a location in Upper Hutt which offers free confidential health and support services as well as job seeker support for youth aged 10-24 years.
- There is no tertiary provider beyond the foundation level in Upper Hutt and many would like to see this change.
- MOE/MSD funded Education to Employment brokers work with local schools to support work integrated opportunities for students.



Early childhood education

- There are 36 early learning providers in this catchment.



Learning support

- There is currently no dedicated learning support provision in this catchment.

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



- We are working with three schools in this catchment to implement enrolment schemes. We are also monitoring rolls at all schools to determine whether (or when) an enrolment scheme may be necessary to manage growth.



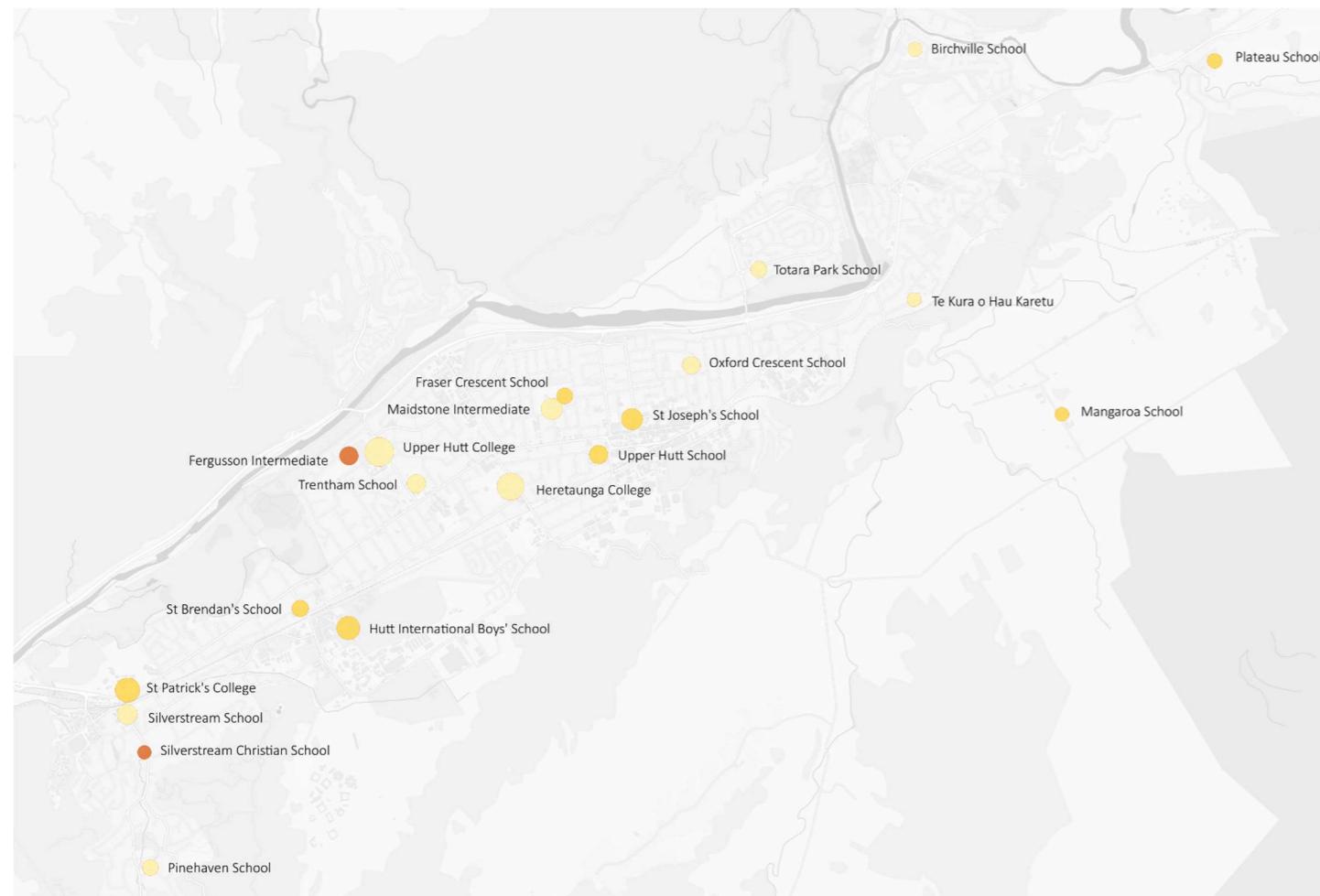
- We have allocated additional teaching spaces to Trentham School and Heretaunga College.
- We are working with Kimi Ora Specialist School and local schools to deliver a satellite of Kimi Ora in this catchment.



- 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.

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The **Upper Hutt Catchment Plan** will meet the needs of New Zealand's changing schooling network, benefiting an estimated **8,400 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	15	1	4	0	20
Total funded roll	4,537	32	3,206	0	7,775
MME Level 1 & 2	0	0	0	0	0
ORS-funded roll	42	0	30	0	72
Māori roll	1,070	0	689	0	1,759
Pacific roll	264	0	223	0	487

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 Upper Hutt catchment:

Enrolment schemes/zones

- We will continue to work with all schools in the catchment to manage down the number of out of zone students enrolled as part of our planning to accommodate future growth.



Māori medium

- We recognize that there is a gap with Māori medium provision in this catchment.