



24 February 2021



Dear 

Thank you for your email of 13 January 2021 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

"We've been forwarded this information from the ministry, showing 381 girls moved from Nelson College for Girls to go to other schools between 2016 and 2020, and would like to expand on this request to compare it with student movement at other high schools in the Nelson region.

Could you please tell me how many students have left the other high schools in Nelson and Tasman District to move to other schools over the same period?

(The other schools in our patch are Nelson College, Nayland College, Waimea College, Garin College, Motueka High and Golden Bay High.)"

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The total number of students who left the specified high schools in Nelson and Tasman District to move to other schools in the timeframes requested (1 April 2016 to 24 November 2020) are outlined below:

Referring to the information that you provided on Nelson College for Girls showing 381 girls moved from Nelson College for Girls to go to other schools between 2016 and 2020, please note that the information was requested in November 2020, and the data has since changed and may differ if re-run at a later date.

In response to your current request, between 1 April 2016 to 24 November 2020, the total number of students who left *Nelson College for Girls* to move to other schools was 383. Any changes in the numbers from previous data extractions are covered in the caveat explained later in this letter.

Between 1 April 2016 to 24 November 2020, the total number of students who left *Golden Bay High School* to move to other schools is 133.

Between 1 April 2016 to 24 November 2020, the total number of students who left *Nayland College* to move to other schools is 343.

Between 1 April 2016 to 24 November 2020, the total number of students who left *Nelson College* to move to other schools is 306.

Between 1 April 2016 to 24 November 2020, the total number of students who left *Waimea College* to move to other schools is 340.

Between 1 April 2016 to 24 November 2020, the total number of students who left *Motueka High School* to move to other schools is 232.

Between 1 April 2016 to 24 November 2020, the total number of students who left *Garin College* to move to other schools is 121.

Please note that the following caveats/notes that apply to this information:

- Data provided is as at 9 February 2021. This data is subject to change and may differ if re-run at a later date. The Ministry cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information as we are reliant on the school recording the information into the ENROL system.
- This only includes data for Secondary schools in the Nelson/Tasman District. Composite schools and all other school types have been excluded.
- This analysis only includes students enrolled between 1 April 2016 to 24 November 2020.
- Year used is based on calendar year:
 - 2016 includes enrolments between 1 April 2016 to 31 December 2016
 - 2017 includes enrolments between 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017
 - 2018 includes enrolments between 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018
 - 2019 includes enrolments between 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019
 - 2020 includes enrolments between 1 January 2020 to 24 November 2020
- Please note that numbers of students leaving a school should not be used as a proxy for parent/student satisfaction with the school concerned. There are any number of reasons why a student may elect to changes schools, such as moving house or wishing to attend a co-educational school (or vice versa).

Further information about the total number of students who left specified Nelson schools to move to other schools between April 2016 and January 13, 2021 is publicly available in the Ministry of Education website at:

[Responses to Official Information Act requests – Education in New Zealand](#)

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes Official Information Act responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. If you have further questions please feel free to contact our media team in the first instance at media.team@education.govt.nz. If you are unsatisfied with my response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review it. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely,



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