

Director's message:



E ray rangatira mā tēnā koutou katoa

In the same way we're seeing Hamilton West expand, the eastern part of the city has also spread northwards over the last decade. We have delivered new schools to accommodate the growth as it has developed. We know that this growth is going to go on and we will plan to meet these challenges.

In Hamilton East, we will support our local communities to cater for this growth through our existing local schools where we can.

As a region, we are planning now so that we have enough space in our existing schools as well as new accommodation where it is needed. This growth plan looks at Hamilton East and complements the other growth plans for the Waikato region, including Hamilton West, Cambridge and Te Kauwhata.

I am very pleased to present the following plan for growth for Hamilton East out to 2030. This plan, like our other Ministry growth plans, will help to deliver an education system that enables every New Zealander to achieve and be the best they can be.

Noho ora mai

Paula Rawiri

Hamilton East's growth story

Stats NZ projects that Hamilton City's population will grow from 168,000 in 2018 to 198,000 in 2030, and 225,000 by 2043. Hamilton East covers a large urban area east of the Waikato River and extends into parts of the surrounding Waikato and Waipa Districts. The northern part of the catchment comprises Rototuna where more than half of Hamilton's population growth in the last fifteen years has occurred.

There are smaller pockets of new development planned for the eastern fringe at Greenhill (up to 1,500 dwellings) and Ruakura (800-900 dwellings). There are also future growth areas to the north and north-east that will be transferred into the City as more land is required. This is anticipated to happen in the early part of the next decade – about 10 years ahead of schedule.

The remainder of growth in this catchment is anticipated to be in more established suburbs through infill. Council is encouraging this as the infrastructure already exists. For us, this means we will need to accommodate a growing student population within existing suburbs.

Growth in the primary school population has been at or above the highest growth projections. Hamilton East primary schools are experiencing significant pressure. The secondary network has some capacity but we need to plan as pressure will mount as primary students move into secondary schools.

What have we done so far?

- Most schools have enrolment schemes in place, and where they do not we are either discussing implementing one, or there is no benefit to implementing one, such as in some broad rural catchments.
- Seven new schools have been established in this catchment in the last fifteen years; four of these since 2015 including two primary, one junior high school and one senior high school. The most recent school is Te Ao Mārama primary which opened for Term 1, 2019.
- Between 2013 and 2017, we have invested \$2.7 million on nine additional teaching spaces across the catchment. Four additional teaching spaces were announced in Budget 18 for Fairfield Primary.
- We are currently negotiating the purchase of more land adjacent to Horsham Downs Primary to accommodate projected roll growth.

Planning for short-term growth (3 years)

We're planning now to accommodate growth in the short-term through a variety of responses, including enrolment schemes and new capacity. If growth projections materialise as expected, by the early 2020s, we expect:

- At the primary level, we will need to provide an additional 280-630 student places in this catchment. This will mostly be at existing urban schools where infill development has seen the schools roll increase significantly.
- To initiate the acquisition process for up to three primary school sites in the catchment in the next 12 to 24 months.
- Stage 3 of the Rototuna Junior/Senior High to result in an additional 500 student places.

Planning for medium-term growth (3-10 years)

We already have plans underway to manage growth through to 2030. Here's how:

- We know re-development of existing school sites will be required in the medium term to accommodate the growth we know is coming. Master planning is already underway at Rototuna and Fairfield Primary schools.
- We will work with all schools to agree a master planning capacity to which each school can be re-developed.
- We expect that there will be a need for additional provision at the secondary level in the Rototuna area sooner than anticipated due to roll growth pressure on existing schools. Timing of this provision is now anticipated to be required prior to 2030, however this will depend on how fast development unfolds.

- We will continue to monitor school rolls and work with Councils to understand the uptake of future residential growth.

Beyond 2030

Growth beyond 2030 is expected to continue. It is anticipated that additional secondary provision in the north of the catchment will be in place by 2030 however the timing of this is uncertain. As the future development areas are incorporated within the City boundary, this will enable significant growth in these areas. Additional schooling provision is likely to be required in these locations.

Māori medium

In the Hamilton East catchment, there are six kōhanga reo and two puna reo providing for preschool Māori medium learning. There is one primary and one intermediate school providing education in Māori medium through a rumaki, both at Level 2. These schools have a combined immersion roll of 117 taura across all year levels. There is also one secondary school offering Māori medium at Level 2. There are two full primary kura with a combined immersion roll of 300 taura.

In the Hamilton East catchment, there is no secondary full immersion Māori medium pathway for taura, and many of these taura travel to the wharekura situated in Hamilton West.

Across wider Hamilton, we have begun work on a plan that will help ensure children and young people with their families can access suitable Māori language pathways. Hui will commence in 2019.

Learning Support

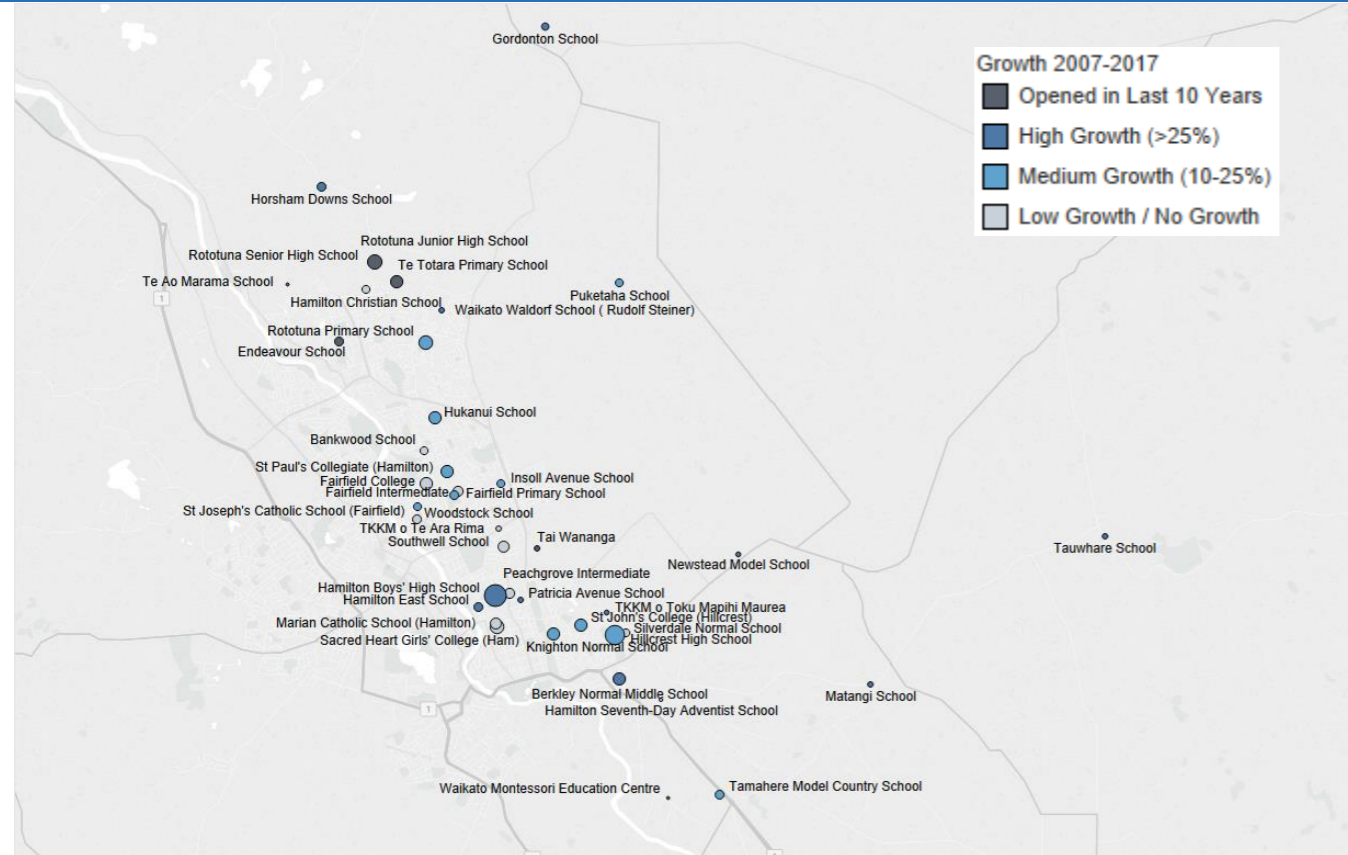
Specialist learning support facilities are available at Patricia Avenue School, for children from the south-east, and Hamilton North School for children from the north-east.

In Hamilton East, they are supported by satellite units at four primary schools (including one state integrated primary), Fairfield Intermediate, and Rototuna High School. Te Ao Mārama School, which opened in 2019, also has a learning support satellite unit.

There are school managed learning support spaces at several schools. All new schools will be considered for provision for learning support space.

Hamilton East: Blueprint for Growth

New Zealand Education Growth Plan to 2030



This growth plan covers the Hamilton East area in the Waikato education region. In the Hamilton East catchment there are 41 schools; 31 state, 6 state integrated, and 4 private schools; 10 full primary, 16 contributing primary schools, 2 intermediates, a restricted composite, 2 composite, 9 secondary schools, and a special school. As at July 2018, this catchment had a combined **school roll of 20,779 students**, including 457 Māori Medium students and 313 ORS students.

What's influencing the Growth Plan

Population growth



» Significant population growth has occurred in the last few years in previously undeveloped land in the north, and infill growth in the existing older suburbs. This is expected to continue putting pressure on network.

Current network at capacity



» The primary schools in Hamilton East are experiencing pressure from significant growth. The secondary network is expected to exceed capacity in the next three years.

Council re-zoning ahead of schedule



» Changes to the city's boundaries are planned to occur sooner than anticipated bringing forward development in the east. We expect further land acquisition might be necessary to accommodate this.

Here's what's already underway that's giving us a head start to meet growth in the region



» Most schools have enrolment schemes in place where they need one. Exploring enrolment schemes with some schools in the catchment



» Opened four new schools since 2015, the most recent being Te Ao Mārama primary school which opened in Term 1, 2019.



» Funded 13 teaching spaces since 2013. We are looking for more land adjacent to Horsham Downs Primary school to accommodate roll growth.

Growth Plan to 2030

2019

2022

2030



Te Ao Mārama opens



Rototuna Jnr/Snr High expansion 500 student places



280-630 additional primary student places



Potential site acquisition for up to three primary and one secondary site



Stage 2 Te Ao Mārama 300 student places



Potential new primary (Rototuna #2) 500 student places



Potential new secondary provision (Rototuna)



Opening of further new primary schools – timing TBC



Enrolment Zones

- » Explore enrolment schemes and changes with some schools in this catchment.
- » Enrolment schemes will be amended as new schools are established.



Site Acquisition

- » Site acquisition process to be initiated in the next 1-2 years for up to three new primary school sites, with these schools opening as monitoring determines.
- » Further secondary school provision will be needed in Rototuna sooner than anticipated, with site acquisition required in the short-term.



Establish New Schools

- » New primary school (Te Ao Mārama) opened in 2019.
- » New primary and secondary provision likely to be required sooner than expected due to roll growth pressure on existing schools.



Expanding Provision Type

- » In the Hamilton East catchment, there is no secondary full immersion Māori medium pathway for taura, and many of these taura travel to the wharekura situated in Hamilton West.
- » For the wider Hamilton area, we have begun work on a Hamilton-wide Māori medium strategy and will hui with the community in 2019.
- » Specialist learning support facilities are available at Patricia Avenue School, for children from the south-east, and Hamilton North School for children from the north-east. Due to population growth, both of these schools are currently at capacity.
- » All new schools will be considered for provision for learning support space.



Roll growth funding

- » Between 280-630 additional student places in the primary network are needed in the next three years to accommodate roll growth in existing schools as a result of infill development.
- » Expansion at Rototuna Junior/Senior High will add 500 student places at secondary level.