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OIA: 1322623 – Out-of-zone pupils for each of the secondary schools in Auckland

Thank you for your email of 9 February 2024 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

For each of the secondary schools in Auckland, the figures for the past three years for (1) the number of out-of-zone pupils enrolled, and (2) the total number of pupils for each school.

3) Please also provide information on the number of out-of-zone pupils on the waiting lists for each secondary school if the department holds such information.

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

In response to **parts one and two** of your request, I am providing you with an Excel spreadsheet as **Appendix A**, with the following caveats:

- Auckland International College (School ID: 473) closed in 2023. Therefore, there are no student records for this school in 2023.
- Kia Aroha College (School ID: 631) changed from Composite (Year 1-15) to Secondary (Year 7-15) since 2023.

For more information regarding school roll returns, please refer to the Education Counts website at the following link: <https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/statistics/school-rolls>.

In response to **part three** of your request, the Ministry does not collect information regarding the number of out-of-zone pupils on waiting lists. As schools are self-governing entities, they are under no obligation to provide this data to us, and collecting it would be problematic, as the information is subject to frequent change as spaces are made available, or if the number of students entering a catchment area increases. Therefore, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry, and I have no grounds for believing that the information is either held by or connected more closely with the functions of another department or organisation.



If you wish to request information regarding a particular school, you may raise an information request with them directly.

Please note, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review my decision on your request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Grant Pollard', written in a cursive style.

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