



## Briefing Note: Information on the Ministry of Education's response to roll growth at Macleans College and Bucklands Beach Intermediate

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### Purpose of Briefing

The purpose of this paper is to provide you with information on the Ministry of Education's response to growth at Macleans College and Bucklands Beach Intermediate.

### Alignment with Government priorities

This is in response to a request your office received for this information from the Hon Simeon Brown, MP for Pakuranga.

### Summary

1. Both schools have experienced significant in-zone growth in 2023. This is due to infill housing, families moving into the area, families house sharing, and immigration restrictions being lifted.
2. The Ministry's policy is to only fund new permanent teaching spaces to schools that are at capacity with in-zone students and does not fund property for out of zone (OOZ) students. Both schools have very high numbers of out of zone students, Macleans College had 684 in 2023, and Bucklands Beach Intermediate 242 students.
3. The schools will need to reduce their out of zone numbers to ensure they have capacity and space for in zone growth. Out of zone ākonga numbers will need to be reduced over time as ākonga move through the year levels and out of the school, and by reducing OOZ enrolments through the annual ballot process.



4. This will take time and the Ministry will continue to work with the schools to provide growth information to help the schools to plan and manage their rolls and avoid overcrowding.
5. The Ministry is working closely with Macleans College on master planning for longer term growth to accommodate 2,500 in zone students once their out of zone numbers are managed down.

### Proactive Release

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- a. **agree** that the Ministry of Education release this paper **in full** once it has been considered by you.

**Agree / Disagree**



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## Background

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### ***Macleans College***

6. Macleans College is a Secondary School (Year 9 to 15) located in the Howick Botany Pakuranga catchment of the National Education Growth Plan (NEGP) and is situated in Bucklands Beach, East Auckland. It is one of the country's largest secondary schools.
7. The school operates an enrolment scheme which was implemented in 2001 and last amended in 2014.
8. It operates a successful international student programme, which prior to Covid restrictions, had a steady roll of more than 300 students. With the impact of COVID-19, the school's international student roll has decreased significantly because of border closures and restrictions.
9. The 1 March 2023 roll was 2603 students, with 684 out of zone students making up 26% of the school's roll.

### ***Property***

10. The school is concerned that their 2024 enrolment numbers are very high and that from Term One the school will be operating over the capacity of their teaching spaces, with:
  - 2,113 in zone students.
  - 630 out of zone students.
  - 180 international fee-paying students.
  - A total roll of 2,923 (as of 16 January 2024).
11. The Ministry's policy is to only fund new teaching spaces to schools that are at capacity with in-zone students and does not fund property for out of zone. The school currently have 98 Ministry-owned teaching spaces – which is on entitlement for their in-zone roll.
12. Even with restrictions to out of zone student numbers, the school is seeing increases in enrolments due to an increase of infill housing within their zone.
13. The Ministry has been working closely with the school to address their capacity issues. Solutions include reducing the number of out of zone students, providing Board-owned classrooms as well as long-term planning for new teaching spaces as part of the school's property master plan.
14. The Ministry's Property team met with the school on Friday 19 January for sign off of the long-term master plan, which details how additional in-zone growth would be accommodated once out of zone student numbers are managed down. The school have confirmed their agreement with the plan and this process is now closed out.

15. At this meeting the school continued to raise property entitlement concerns. Their position is, whilst they understand they are currently on their classroom entitlement, their in-zone growth is increasing. The Ministry will only provide permanent property provision to meet in-zone growth requirements. The school will need to continue to manage down the out of zone ākonga to meet this requirement.
16. The school is proposing, to purchase five Board-owned modular buildings in the short to medium term to manage its capacity issues. The school has outlined that these classrooms will accommodate growth and as the Ministry's master plan delivers additional teaching space in the coming years the school will then transition use of the five Board-owned classrooms to international students.

### ***Bucklands Beach Intermediate***

17. Bucklands Beach Intermediate is a Year 7 and 8 school located in the Howick Botany Pakuranga catchment of the NEGP. It operates an enrolment scheme.
18. The 1 March 2023 roll return showed a total roll of 890 students, with 242 Out of Zone students (27% of the school's roll).
19. In 2023 the school experienced significant in-zone growth by an additional 104 students due to families moving into the area, families house sharing, infill housing and immigration restrictions being lifted.
20. The OoZ numbers equate to around 8-9 teaching spaces, which would accommodate in-zone growth in the medium to longer term.

### ***Property***

21. There are no active Ministry-led roll growth property projects planned, or in progress for Bucklands Beach Intermediate.
22. The Ministry's policy is to only fund new teaching spaces to schools that are at capacity with in-zone students and does not fund property for out of zone (OOZ) students. The school have a significant number of out of zone students and will not be eligible for new roll growth classrooms until they reduce their out of zone enrolments. It is possible for the school to do this because they only have two-year levels, so the change flows through quickly.
23. The Ministry's Property team has been working with the school over the last year on the placement of two new board-owned classrooms for international students.

### ***Other Relevant Information***

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24. In July 2023 the former Minister of Education, Jan Tinetti, wrote to the Principal of Bucklands Beach Intermediate to confirm the Ministry's policy is to only fund new teaching spaces to schools that are at capacity with in-zone students and does not fund property for out of zone (OOZ) students. She also advised the Ministry will continue to monitor school roll growth and network changes to determine the need and timing for any additional classroom capacity in the future.

## Risks and/or Benefits

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25. There is a risk that the schools will not reduce their out of zone numbers and will come under further roll pressure from in zone growth. The Ministry will continue to encourage the schools to not take new out of zone enrolments, until they have met their in zone commitments. The Ministry may have to support the schools through repurposing existing property provision or through additional temporary property provision to manage capacity issues in the short term.
26. We will continue to work closely with the schools to ensure messaging to the community is consistent and solution focussed. .

## Next Steps

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27. Ministry staff will meet with Macleans College again in the next two weeks to discuss property projects and refurbishment of the school's existing relocatable buildings.
28. We will continue to monitor roll growth and provide projections so that in-zone growth for both schools can continue to be managed.

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