

Education Report: **Change of classification and change of designation for Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua (559)**

To:	Hon Erica Stanford, Minister of Education		
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Purpose

This report seeks your agreement to change the classification and designation for Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua (559) from a Year 1–8 full primary kura to a Year 1–13 composite designated character wharekura commencing Term 3, 2024.

In September 2022, the then Associate Minister of Education, Minister Davis agreed to consult with the boards of all state schools whose rolls might be affected by these proposed changes [METIS 1288133 refers]. The Ministry has now completed this consultation.

Summary

1. Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua (the kura) is a Year 1-8, co-educational, state kura located in Rānana, a settlement 60 kilometres from Whanganui. In March 2022, as part of their strategic plan, the Board proposed that you change the classification of the kura to a Year 1–13 composite wharekura and in 2023 also proposed to change the designation of the kura to a designated character school (Ngā Kura-ā-Iwi o Aotearoa).
2. In September 2022, the then Associate Minister of Education, Minister Davis agreed that we undertake, on his behalf, consultation under section 209 of the Education and Training Act 2020 with the Board of Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua and all state schools and kura whose rolls might be affected by this change [METIS 1288133 refers]. We have now completed that consultation and there were no objections.

3. Our consultation included local iwi Te Awa Tupua, Uenuku, and the Whanganui Iwi Education Authority (Te Puna Mātauranga o Whanganui). The Board, as part of their submission, consulted with whānau and hapū in the rohe. There were no objections raised in this consultation.
4. In March 2023, we requested a refreshed Education Review Office (ERO) review for the kura to ensure the kura was best positioned to be successful as a wharekura. This report was provided to the kura in October 2023 and identified the need for the kura to improve accelerated learning in literacy and mathematics.
5. In October 2023, Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua was accepted as part of the Ngā Kura ā Iwi o Aotearoa (NKAI) community of kura. As part of their membership agreement with NKAI, the kura have agreed to an implementation plan to have all ākonga speaking te reo Māori within four years (Māori Immersion Level 1).
6. With NKAI, the kura's Education and Māori Medium Curriculum Advisers will work with the kura to address ERO's concerns and align the kura with the Government's Teaching the Basics Brilliantly plan by:
 - assisting the Board to develop a 3-year strategic plan and
 - assisting the kura to improve their internal evaluation and planning and
 - monitoring ākonga progress through improved assessment practices and
 - providing teachers with professional learning and upskilling in literacy | te reo matatini, mathematics | pāngarau, and science | pūtaiao instruction and
 - ensuring all ākonga are being taught at Māori Immersion Level 1 within four years.
7. This kura is an integral part of the schooling network as there are no other Kaupapa Māori or Māori medium kura located within a reasonable distance. Currently ākonga have been leaving the area to travel into Whanganui to access secondary education.
8. The Board has proposed a change of designation at the same time as the change in classification. They have also proposed that the change in classification be phased in, with education for Year 9 and 10 commencing Term 3, 2024, and the addition of Year 11–13 from Term 1, 2025.

Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends you:

- a) **note** that in March 2022, we received an application from the Board of Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua requesting that it change its classification from a Year 1-8 full primary kura to a Year 1-13 composite wharekura, and in 2023 also proposed to change its designation to a designated character wharekura;
- b) **note** that in September 2022, under section 209 of the Education and Training Act 2020 (the Act) the then Associate Minister of Education, Minister Davis agreed to consult on the proposed change of classification for Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua, and the Ministry completed that consultation on his behalf;
- c) **note** that to best position Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua to be successful as a wharekura, a refreshed Education Review Office (ERO) review was requested and that, due to the time required for this review, we refreshed all consultation and there were no objections to the proposed changes;
- d) **note** that a change in classification is required by the Act to be published in the *New Zealand Gazette* with a commencement date no earlier than the end of the term after the term during which the notice is published;
- e) **agree** that, under section 198(1)(b) of the Act, Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua (559) will change its classification from a Year 1-8 full primary kura to a Year 1-13 composite wharekura, with effect from Term 3 2024;

Agree Disagree

- f) **agree** to change the designation of Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua to a designated character wharekura, Ngā Kura-ā-Iwi o Aotearoa under section 200(1)(a) of the Act, with effect from Term 3 2024;

Agree Disagree

- g) **agree** that the change in classification be phased in with the kura providing Year 1-10 from Term 3 2024 and Year 1-13 from Term 1 2025; and

Agree Disagree

- h) **note** that the Ministry proposes to approve a maximum roll of 55 ākonga at the kura.

If you agree, you are asked to:

- i) **sign** the attached letters to the Presiding Member of the Board of Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua, representatives of Te Awa Tupua, Uenuku, and the Whanganui Iwi Education Authority (Te Puna Mātauranga o Whanganui), and the local Members of Parliament, informing them of your decision (Annex 1); and
- j) **sign** the attached *New Zealand Gazette* notice (Annex 2); and

We also recommend that you:

- k) **agree** that this report will be proactively released as per your expectation. Any information that might need to be withheld will be done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

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Jocelyn Mikaere
Hautū | Deputy Secretary
Te Mahau | Te Tai Whenua
Ministry of Education

29/02/2024



Hon Erica Stanford
Minister of Education

30/04/2024

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Background

1. Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua (the kura) is a Year 1-8, co-educational, state kura located in Rānana, a settlement 60 kilometres up the Whanganui River from Whanganui.
2. The kura occupies the original Rānana School site that was opened in 1949. In 2006, an educational development initiative between the Ministry and Whanganui Iwi occurred where three schools; Pipiriki, Rānana, and Parikino School, were closed and all ākonga and resources were amalgamated into the newly established Whanganui Awa School on the Rānana site. Whanganui Awa School was later renamed Te Wainui-ā-Rua, and in 2021 as Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua.
3. The Board of the kura is made up of members of hapū from Te Awa Tupua and includes representatives of the Whanganui Iwi Education Authority (Te Puna Mātauranga o Whanganui). Affiliated to Ngā Kura ā Iwi o Aotearoa (NKAI), the Board is committed to Ngā Kura ā Iwi Kaupapa.
4. In March 2022, the Board applied for a change of classification of the kura to become a composite Year 1-13 wharekura.
5. On 6 September 2022, the then Associate Minister of Education, Minister Davis, agreed that we undertake, on his behalf, consultation under section 209 of the Education and Training Act 2020 (the Act) with the Board of the kura and all state schools and kura whose rolls might be affected by the possible change of classification for the kura [METIS 1288133 refers].
6. During the initial consultation period we identified the kura was not well positioned to be successful as a wharekura. At the request of the Ministry, in March 2023 the kura asked the Education Review Office (ERO) to undertake a review. ERO presented their report in October 2023 noting there were areas requiring development.
7. In partnership with the kura and NKAI, we will work with the Board to develop a 3-year strategic plan. This plan will set out the primary objectives identified in both the ERO report and the Government's Teaching the Basics Brilliantly plan, namely accelerated learning in literacy, mathematics, and science. Ākonga progress will be assessed and monitored by the Education Adviser for the kura and NKAI, through termly kanohi ki te kanohi hui with the tumuaki and the Board. The focus of these hui will be to evaluate progress against improved internal evaluation, planning, and assessment.
8. It required time for the kura to be well positioned to be successful as a wharekura. This required us to refresh consultation. The Board also adjusted their initial application requesting that you also change their designation along with their change in classification, and that the change in classification be phased in with education for Year 1-10 commencing Term 3, 2024 and the addition of Year 11-13 from term 1, 2025.
9. We will work with the kura to have a transition plan in place for ākonga in Year 8 to continue their education pathway, until the agreed phasing dates. If the application is agreed to, ākonga will remain as Year 8 at the kura until the change can take place, they will then be reclassified at Year 9. They will be taught the Year 9 curriculum in preparation for the change.

10. The kura are expecting new enrolments for Year 9. Currently they have three ākonga that are too old to be reclassified as Year 8 while the change of classification is approved. These ākonga will be enrolled at a Whanganui secondary school until approval of the change to Year 9 and 10 classification. If the change is agreed to, they will then re-enrol back at the kura from Term 3, 2024. This will mean these ākonga are legally enrolled at a school during this change.

Proposal to redesignated as a designated character school

11. The Board of Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua propose that you change the kura from a regular state school to a designated character school.
12. For you to designate a state school as a designated character school, you must be satisfied that the kura meets the requirements in section 204(3) of the Act. These are the same as for establishing a new designated character school. The three key requirements are:
 - a. the kura is to have a character that is in some specific way or ways different from the character of ordinary state schools; and
 - b. it is desirable for ākonga (whose whanau want them to do so) to get such an education; and
 - c. ākonga at the kura are to receive an education of a kind that differs significantly from the education they would receive at an ordinary state school.

Meeting the designated character requirements:

Different character

13. The designated character, Ngā Kura ā-Iwi o Aotearoa has been recognised as meeting the requirements of section 204 of the Act.
14. The kura have an agreement with Ngā Kura ā Iwi o Aotearoa (NKAI) that they will teach all ākonga at Māori Immersion Level 1 within four years. Until that time they will continue to learn at Māori Immersion Level 2. The education delivered at the kura is within the context of the Whanganui River | Te Awa Tupua.

Desirability for ākonga to get such an education

15. Parents and whānau are keen to have their ākonga continue to learn at the kura and support the application for the change of classification and designation. Parents and whānau have been moving back to the rohe and there is continued interest in attending this kura.

Different Education

16. The kura provides education currently at Māori Immersion Level 2 and will soon be delivering the curriculum associated with NKAI. The culture and practices of the kura will be based on the context of the Whanganui River | Te Awa Tupua and differs significantly from the education that an ordinary state school would deliver.
17. The Ministry considers that the application has provided sufficient evidence that the requirements of the Act regarding a designated character school have been met.

Network Considerations

18. Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua is located in the Whanganui and Districts catchment in the National Education Growth Plan (NEGP), which is an area identified as having steady and stable growth.
19. The kura currently provides Level 2 Māori Immersion Education and ākonga are taught within the context of the Whanganui River | Te Awa Tupua.
20. The kura is a part of the Te Hononga Kāhui Kura - Kāhui Ako.
21. Provision of Kōhanga Reo in the Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua area includes;
 - Te Kōhanga Reo o Parikino
 - Te Kōhanga Reo o Mere Te Aroha
 - Te Kōhanga Reo o Kaiwhaiki
 - Te Kōhanga Reo o Koriniti
 - Te Kōhanga Reo o Te Hunga Kāwitwiti.
22. There is no secondary Kaupapa Māori or Māori immersion education (Year 9 – 15) pathway in the area for which the kura serves. The closest kura is 55 kilometres away.
23. In March 2023, to ensure the kura was well positioned to be successful as a wharekura, we requested the kura ask the Education Review Office (ERO) to complete an up-to-date review. The October 2023 ERO report recommended:
 - a better coherence in curriculum leadership to achieve consistent planning, assessment and reporting.
 - a school wide review of assessment practices should be undertaken to ensure assessments are fit for purpose.
 - closer learning partnerships with whānau of ākonga with specific learning needs.
24. In November 2023, the kura was accepted as a member of the NKAI community of kura.
25. The kura is isolated from other schools and kura due to its rural location. Currently once ākonga finish primary school they must travel long distances to get to secondary school.

Closest school/kura	School/Kura name	Distance from kura	Time taken for round trip
Closest Primary School	Raetihi School	42km	1 hour round trip
Closest Kura	Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Rangī	55km	1 hour 16 minute round trip
Closest Secondary School	Ruapehu College	60km	1 hour 16 minute round trip
Closest wharekura	Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tupoho	64km	1 hour 26 minute round trip

26. Without Year 9-13 provision, the majority of ākonga have transitioned from the kura to secondary education in Whanganui.

27. The roll of the kura has been steadily increasing since 2018. This is reflective of whānau moving back to the rohe. The October 2023 roll was 42 ākonga. There are presently no Ongoing Resourcing Scheme (ORS) funded ākonga enrolled.
28. StatsNZ high, medium, and low projections indicate a roll of 55 ākonga could be reached by 2024. The kura is tracking below the StatsNZ medium projection and we estimate this maximum roll is more likely to be reached in 2026/2027.
29. Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua does not currently have a maximum roll nor an enrolment scheme. We will work with the Board to implement a maximum roll of 55 ākonga should the proposal be approved. Additional property will be provided to ensure that the kura has capacity for this roll.

Consultation

30. In March 2022, the Board engaged with the principal and the staff of the kura, prior to applying for a change in classification. All feedback from this engagement was positive.
31. In March 2022, the Board also communicated through newsletters and hui, with its community and other principals and boards in the rohe. Again, they received positive feedback about the proposal.
32. The Board has continued this engagement through ongoing hui. The school community, staff, and hapū remain committed to the change in classification.
33. In September 2022, on behalf of the Associate Minister of Education, Minister Davis, under section 209 of the Act, we consulted with the boards of eight state schools and kura whose rolls might be affected. All boards responded in support of the proposed change. The boards consulted are listed below:

School/Kura/Organisation	School ID	School Type
Cullinane College	190	Year 9-13
Te Kura o Kokohuia	2384	Year 1-13
TKKM o Ngāti Rangi	1617	Year 1-8
TKKM o Tupoho	2377	Year 1-13
Ruapehu College	183	Year 9-13
Whanganui City College	187	Year 9-13
Whanganui Girls' College	188	Year 9-13
Whanganui High School	189	Year 9-13

34. In October 2022, the Ministry consulted with the following sector organisations who also were all in support of the proposed change:
 - New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA)
 - New Zealand Post Primary Teachers' Association / Te Wehengarua (PPTA)
 - New Zealand Educational Institute (NZEI)
 - Te Rūnanganui o Ngā Kura Kaupapa Māori (TRN)
 - Ngā Kura ā Iwi o Aotearoa (NKAI).
35. In November 2022, the Executive Chair for Te Puna Mātauranga o Whanganui was consulted. Te Puna Mātauranga o Whanganui supported the change in classification but noted that the kura must continue to acknowledge the histories of Pipiriki, Rānana and Parikino Schools.

36. In December 2022, the Chief Executive Office | Kaihautū for Te Awa Tupua was advised of the application. Te Awa Tupua had no objection to the reclassification.
37. In January 2023, the Chairman of Uenuku was consulted. Uenuku also had no objection to the reclassification.
38. As there was an extended period before a refreshed ERO review was undertaken we again consulted with these groups, and no issues were raised.
39. During this extended consultation period, the Board requested that they become a designated character school under section 200(1), and that the change in classification be phased in with education for Years 1-10 commencing Term 3, 2024 and the addition of Years 11-13 from Term 1, 2025.
40. Following on from this refreshed consultation, there were no objections to the proposed change of classification or change in designation to a designated character school.

Property Implications

41. The property at the kura has a gross area of 259m² and net area 181m². There is one teaching space which is 82m² and there is an additional hall / multi-purpose area of 40m².
42. The kura currently has estimated capacity for 25 ākonga, so is at 168% utilisation of this estimated capacity.
43. Additional teaching spaces were approved in Budget 2022, Quarter 2, to address the deficit in teaching space, increasing the estimated capacity to 69 ākonga and providing for future growth.

Financial implications

44. It is estimated that a change in classification to a Year 1-13 composite wharekura would result in an additional 12 ākonga, all learning at Māori Immersion Level 1.
45. If this change is approved, the estimated annual operational financial impact for the Crown (including resourcing and staffing) is \$130,227 comprising of:
 - 9(2)(j) [REDACTED]
 - 9(2)(a) [REDACTED]

Transport Implications

46. The kura does not have an enrolment scheme but has a Transport Entitlement Zone (TEZ).
47. Transport funding is based on the number of eligible ākonga attending the kura. The proposed change in classification will require a review of this transport funding, which, depending on numbers, may increase.

Risks and Mitigations

48. Te Kura o Te Wainui ā Rua is geographically isolated and serves a catchment that is growing as whānau return to the awa. With growth, there is a risk of overcrowding. We are mitigating this risk by providing additional teaching spaces for future growth. We will also work with the Board to set a maximum roll of 55 ākonga as a designated character wharekura.
49. There is a risk, that as the majority of ākonga that attend the kura reside in an isolated and low socio-economic area, not reclassifying the kura as a Year 1-13 wharekura would be a barrier to ākonga accessing a high-quality education.
50. There is also a risk that the curriculum development at the kura would not meet the needs of all Iwi and hapū. To mitigate this, we will be working in partnership with NKAI and the kura, through the kura strategic plan, to ensure all ākonga improve their learning in literacy | te reo matatini, mathematics | pāngarau, and science | pūtaiao, and gain instruction at Māori Immersion Level 1.

Alignment with Government priorities

51. The kura has an Equity Index of 529, in an isolated and low socio-economic area, classifying the kura as a Year 1-13 wharekura would enable local ākonga equitable access to a high-quality education.
52. In partnership with the kura and NKAI, we will work to strengthen teaching and learning in literacy | te reo matatini, mathematics | pāngarau and science | pūtaiao, through improved internal evaluation, planning, assessment, and reporting.
53. The Crown has an enduring focus on improving education outcomes for Māori learners and giving effect to the Treaty of Waitangi (Treaty). The Act reflects this. Section 4(d) states that one of the purposes of the Act is *“to establish and regulate an education system that honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi and supports Māori-Crown relationships”*.

Conclusion

54. We consider that the application has provided sufficient evidence that the requirements of the Act regarding a designated character school have been met.
55. We recommend that you agree to change the classification of Te Kura o Te Wainui ā Rua from a Year 1-8 full primary kura to a Year 1-13 composite wharekura. We also recommend that you agree to designate the school as a designated character school (Ngā Kura-ā-Iwi o Aotearoa)
56. The recommendation is based on:
 - a. The fact that the kura is geographically isolated and serves a catchment that is low socio-economically (equity index 529).
 - b. This proposed change would provide a Māori immersion (Year 9-13) pathway for ākonga in the area for which the kura serves.

Next steps

57. If, after considering the information in this report, you decide you are satisfied the kura should change its classification and designation, a draft letter to the Presiding Member of the Board, a letter to the local iwi representative, letters to local Members of Parliament (Annex 1) and a *New Zealand Gazette* notice (Annex 2) are attached for your signature, to give effect to the change.

Proactive release

58. It is intended that this Education Report be proactively released as per your expectation. Any information that might need to be withheld will be done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

Annexes

- Annex 1: Letters to the Presiding Member, local iwi representatives and local Members of Parliament
- Annex 2: Draft *New Zealand Gazette* notice

Annex 1: Letters to the Presiding Member, local Iwi representatives, and local Members of Parliament

Proactively released



Shayna Hough
Presiding Member
Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua Board
4502 Whanganui River Road
Rānana 4576

Tēnā koe Shayna

Thank you for your application asking me to change the classification of Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua from a Year 1-8 full primary kura to a Year 1-13 composite wharekura and for requesting the change in designation of the wharekura to be a designated character school (Ngā Kura-ā-lwi o Aotearoa).

The Ministry of Education has completed a consultation as required under section 209 of the Education and Training Act 2020 (the Act), on the proposed change of classification. They also consulted on the designation of Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua as a designated character school (Ngā Kura-ā-lwi o Aotearoa).

I have considered all the information provided to me, including the feedback from the recent consultation period, and I am pleased to tell you I have agreed to your proposal.

Under section 198 (1) and (3) of the Act, I have decided that Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua will be a Year 1-13 composite wharekura, providing education for Year 1 to 10 from Term 3, 2024, and then Year 1 to 13 from Term 1, 2025.

I have also decided to designate Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua as a designated character school (kura ā iwi) under section 200(1)(a) of the Act.

The changes will be notified in the *New Zealand Gazette* and take effect from Term 3, 2024.

The Ministry of Education has indicated it will likely approve a maximum roll of 55 ākonga. If in the future, the wharekura wishes to increase this figure, then it will need to follow a process with the Ministry of Education.

The Ministry of Education will continue to work with your Board, and with all interested parties, to assist in this change and to support accelerated learning in literacy | te reo matatini, mathematics | pāngarau, and science | pūtaiao, through improved internal evaluation, planning, assessment, and reporting occurs.

Please contact Darryl Leath at darryl.leath@education.govt.nz if you have any further questions about this decision.

Nāku noa, nā

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Hon Erica Stanford
Minister of Education



Tracey Waitokia
Executive Chair
Te Puna Mātauranga o Whanganui
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Whanganui 4500

Tēnā koe Tracey

I have received an application to change the classification of Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua from a Year 1-8 full primary kura to a Year 1-13 composite wharekura, and to designate the wharekura as a designated character school (Ngā Kura-ā-lwi o Aotearoa), located in Rānana, Whanganui.

After considering all the information provided to me, I have decided that Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua will be a Year 1-13 composite wharekura, with the school providing education for Year 1 to 10 from Term 3, 2024, and then Year 1 to 13 from Term 1, 2025. I understand that the Ministry will set a maximum roll of 55 for the kura.

The designated character of the wharekura will be Ngā Kura-ā-lwi o Aotearoa, providing education in te reo Māori and its culture, philosophy and practices will reflect the context of the Whanganui River | Te Awa Tupua. A notice giving effect to my decision will be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

I consider that this change will assist local ākonga who may choose to continue their te reo Māori immersion education beyond Year 8.

Nāku noa, nā

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Hon Erica Stanford
Minister of Education



Aiden Gilbert
Chairman
Uenuku
28 Queen Street
Raetihi 4632

Tēnā koe Aiden

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Nāku noa, nā

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Hon Erica Stanford
Minister of Education



Nancy Tuaine
Spokesperson
Te Awa Tupua
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Whanganui 4500

Tēnā koe Nancy

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Hon Erica Stanford
Minister of Education



Debbie Ngarewa-Packer
Member of Parliament for Te Tai Hauāuru
Parliament Buildings
Wellington

Tēnā koe Mrs Ngarewa-Packer

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Nāku noa, nā

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Carl Bates
Member of Parliament for Whanganui
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Tēnā koe Carl

I have received an application to change the classification of Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua from a Year 1-8 full primary kura to a Year 1-13 composite wharekura, and to designate the wharekura as a designated character school (Ngā Kura-ā-Iwi o Aotearoa), located in Rānana, Whanganui.

After considering all the information provided to me, I have decided that Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua will be a Year 1-13 composite wharekura, with the school providing education for Year 1 to 10 from Term 3, 2024, and then Year 1 to 13 from Term 1, 2025. I understand that the Ministry will set the kura a maximum roll of 55.

The designated character of the wharekura will be Ngā Kura-ā-Iwi o Aotearoa, providing education in te reo Māori and its culture, philosophy and practices will reflect the context of the Whanganui River | Te Awa Tupua.

A notice giving effect to my decision will be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

I consider that this change will assist local ākonga who may choose to continue their te reo Māori immersion education beyond Year 8.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Stanford'.

Hon Erica Stanford
Minister of Education

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Change of classification and change of designation for Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua, Whanganui, (559)

Under sections 198(1) and (3) of the Education and Training Act 2020, I redesignate Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua (559), a Year 1-8 full primary kura, as a Year 1-13 composite wharekura from Term 3, 2024.

The change in classification will be phased in with the wharekura offering education for Year 1-10 from Term 3, 2024, and Year 1-13 from 2025.

Pursuant to sections 200, 204 and 205 of the Education and Training Act 2020. I hereby designate Te Kura o Te Wainui-ā-Rua (559) as a designated character school. The designated character of the kura will be providing education in te reo Māori and its culture, philosophy and practices will reflect the context of the Whanganui River | Te Awa Tupua. This designation will take effect from Term 3, 2024.

Dated at Wellington this 18th day of April 2024



Hon Erica Stanford
Minister of Education