



Report: Gazette Notices for Charter Schools

To:	Hon David Seymour, Associate Minister of Education		
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Purpose of this report

- This report provides the gazette notices for contracted sponsors to operate charter schools. Gazette notices are required as per section 212M of the Education and Training Act.

Action Required

- Please return the signed gazette notices by 8th August 2025 so they can be published. This will enable the new sponsors to commence the establishment of their schools

Advice

New Schools

- The Charter School Agency has signed a contract with two sponsors approved by the Authorisation Board on 13 November 2024.
- They will establish their charter schools to open in Term 1 2026.
- The final part of the process of establishing a new charter school is publishing a gazette notice in the New Zealand Gazette.

Next steps

- Draft notices are attached for your approval and signature in Annex 1.
- The Charter School Agency will publish the notices once returned from your office. The Agency will continue to work alongside your office regarding communications as appropriate.

Recommended Actions

The Charter School Agency recommends you:

agree that

- i. the attached notices identifying the sponsors, New Zealand Forest Schools Limited and He Puna Marama Charitable Trust that have entered into contracts with the Charter School Agency be published in the New Zealand Gazette.

Agree / Disagree

sign

- ii. the attached notices to be published in the New Zealand Gazette.

Proactive Release:

- a. **agree** that the Charter School Agency release this paper in full once the new school is operational.

Agree / Disagree



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05/08/2025



Hon David Seymour

Associate Minister of Education

10/8/25

Annex 1: Gazette notices for new charter schools

Establishment of The Forest School as a Charter School

Under section 212M of the Education and Training Act 2020, I hereby notify that the Charter School Agency, acting in the name and on behalf of the Crown, and New Zealand Forest Schools Limited have entered into a contract for the establishment and operation of The Forest School as a charter school.

The sponsor of the charter school is New Zealand Forest Schools Limited, and the school is located in Warkworth, Auckland.

The school will be a Year 0-8 co-educational school. It will open with Year 0-6 and grow a year level each year to be Year 0-8 in 2028.

Education will be delivered on site.

Dated at Auckland this 10th day of August 2025


Hon David Seymour
Associate Minister of Education

Establishment of Te Kāpehu Whetū – Tamaki as a Charter School

Under section 212M of the Education and Training Act 2020, I hereby notify that the Charter School Agency, acting in the name and on behalf of the Crown, and He Puna Marama Charitable Trust have entered into a contract for the establishment of Te Kāpehu Whetū - Tamaki as a charter school.

The sponsor of the charter school is He Puna Marama Charitable Trust, and the school is located in Auckland Central with Boarding facilities in Parnell, Auckland.

The school will be a Year 11-13 co-educational school offering boarding facilities.

Education will be delivered on site.

Dated at Auckland this 10th day of August 2025


Hon David Seymour
Associate Minister of Education