

Petone Central School (#2955)

Enrolment Scheme Description

Effective from Term 3 2026

The development and operation of enrolment schemes is undertaken under authority granted under Schedule 20 of the Education and Training Act 2020, which describes the basis on which the Secretary's powers in relation to enrolment schemes will be exercised.

Home Zone

All students who live within the home zone described below shall be eligible to enrol at the school.

The Zone for Petone Central School has the following as its boundaries

- The Southwestern boundary line starts at Wellington Water Ski Club and follows along The Esplanade to the East.
- The boundary line turns North at the Esplanade-Cuba Street intersection. The line travels along Cuba Street as far the railway line at Wakefield Street. All streets to the West of Cuba Street are in zone, but Cuba Street addresses are not in zone.
- The boundary line turns West where Cuba Street intersects the Railway Line and continues along the railway line as it turns South connecting at Wellington Water Ski Club.

Addresses inside the boundaries are in zone.

Cuba Street is not in zone

Proof of residence within the home zone will be required.

Each year, applications for enrolment in the following year from in-zone students will be sought by a date which the school will publish. This will enable the board to assess the number of places which can be made available to students who live outside the home zone.

Transitional Arrangement ("grandparenting")

This provision has been approved for inclusion in the Petone Central School enrolment scheme under [Section 75 \(1\) \(b\) of the Education and Training Act 2020](#). The transitional arrangement is for families of currently enrolled students whose addresses become "out of zone" because of the implementation of this Enrolment Scheme. Section 75 of the Education and Training Act 2020 states that:

"the Secretary may authorise an enrolment scheme to permit a student to enrol at the school as if the student lived in the home zone of the school if....

(b) in the case of a new enrolment scheme the student –

(i) lives outside of the home zone of the enrolment scheme, and

(ii) has a sibling who is enrolled at the school, at the time the new enrolment scheme is implemented

If applying for enrolment under this part of the enrolment scheme, the siblings name and evidence of a sibling relationship may be required by the school.

[Section 75 \(3\) of the Education and Training Act 2020](#) sets out the definition of a “sibling” for these purposes.

The school will maintain a list of students enrolled at the time of implementation of the enrolment to enable determination of eligibility to enrol under this provision.

Special Programmes

The school does not operate a special programme

Out of zone applications

Each year the board will determine the number of places which are likely to be available in the following year for the enrolment of students who live outside the home zone. The board will publish this information by public notice in the area served by the school. The notice will indicate how applications are to be made and will specify a date by which all applications must be received.

Applications for enrolment will be processed in the following [order of priority](#):

- **First Priority** must be given to students who have been accepted for enrolment in the following special programme(s) run by the school and approved by the Secretary of Education up to the maximum rolls set for each programme (where applicable)
- **Second Priority:** must be given to any applicant who is the sibling of a current student of the school.
- **Third Priority:** must be given to any student who is the sibling of a former student of the school.
- **Fourth Priority:** must be given to any applicant who is a child of a former student of the school.
- **Fifth Priority:** must be given to any applicant who is a child of an employee of the school’s board, or a child of a member of the school’s board.
- **Sixth Priority:** must be given to all other applicants.

If there are more applicants in the second, third, fourth, fifth or sixth priority groups than there are places available, selection within the priority group must be by ballot conducted in accordance with instructions issued by the Secretary under Schedule 20, Clause 3 of the Education and Training Act 2020. Parents will be informed of the date of any ballot by appropriate public notice.

Applicants seeking second or third priority status may be required to give proof of a sibling relationship.

