



## **Northern Porirua – Engagement Feedback about Future School Provision for Aotea**

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### Option 1

Strengthen provision at Aotea College, by changing some or all of the northern area primary schools to Year 1-6 and creating Year 7-13 provision at Aotea College

Strengths of the option	<p>Is this the cheapest option and will it make Aotea College a “ Super School “ with extra resourcing and funding? e.g. A new performing Arts Centre for the school community?</p> <p>Children in current primary schools won't find it hard to go from primary school to high school</p> <p>Economies of scale and availability of technology learning that may not be available in current primaries</p> <p>This works for bureaucrats and policy makers, but I can't see how it benefits 11 and 12 yr olds.</p>
Weaknesses of the option	<p>The effect of this option for Paremata School would be highly negative. The culture at Paremata School would completely change. Year 7/8 children have highly valued pastoral and leadership roles at Paremata School. We would lose over 100 children and four teachers leading to a dramatic decrease in school resourcing. There would be a number of empty classrooms.</p> <p>Year 7/8 children have the opportunity to be school leaders in a full primary as the oldest children. Sending 10-12 year old children to a secondary setting is too soon as they have a different social awareness and don't need to be exposed to adult themes at Secondary School too young. This option would reduce parent choice for schools that are the best fit for their children. Children with learning difficulties would find the shift to a large secondary school daunting at year 7. Siblings already attending Paremata together would be split causing logistical hassles with transport getting to school. Families may not want their children to go to Aotea as a college and is this the only option going forward to intermidate leaving Paremata school</p> <p>Reduces choice/options at Year 7/8. Not convinced Year 7's especially are ready to interact with older students. Why change what is working? All the primaries in the zone are strong and thriving. Potentially breaking a culture and education which was established up to 100 years ago. Aotea College becomes a 'super' school potentially to the detriment of other local schools and colleges.</p>



	<p>Children won't have time to grow into school leadership roles at an important time. Co-locating such young children with young adults is also concerning - social interactions as opposed to any academic concerns or ability of teachers to manage students. I can't see how the young children would benefit from this approach.</p> <p>Disrupts existing school communities, which wish to stay full primary. All year 7-8 children would be forced to go to new Aotea College intermediate classes, but many kids will move to different colleges in year 9, which adds further disruption to kids and their peer groups. As well as forcing kids to leave their primary schools early, the new school is proposed to be at a college, which they will not be ready for. Terrible option!!!</p> <p>Inconvenience of pick up at Paremata/Papakowhai school then having to drive over to Aotea to pick up. Too much congestion as it is. Disruption of settled children - taking them out of their fantastic full primary school environment. I'd like to see my child complete full primary years where he is, then go to High School. Also no guarantee that I want him to go to Aotea College - if he has to do intermediate school there, I have disrupted his settled student life twice. Not ideal at that age.</p> <p>Children won't have time to grow into school leadership roles at an important time. Co-locating such young children with young adults is also concerning - social interactions as opposed to any academic concerns or ability of teachers to manage students. I can't see how the young children would benefit from this approach.</p> <p>Disruptive to primary schools in the area, requires more travel during year 7-13</p>
Is this option preferred and why	<b>This option is NOT a preferred option.</b>
Other comments	

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### **Option 2**

Strengthen provision for Year 1-8, either by creating a new primary school or by creating a satellite/second campus of Papakowhai School to meet growth in the Aotea Block. This could be located either:

- On a new site in the south of the Aotea Development, or
- At or near Aotea College

Strengths of the option	With the population of Aotea Block likely to keep increasing a long term solution such as this needs to be found. Children will be able to walk to their local school without crossing major arterial roads. This will allow for the other well established schools such as Paremata to remain unaffected by something that isn't their problem.
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	<p>Maintain existing strong and thriving full primaries. Provide opportunity for new subdivision.</p> <p>New primary school in this area, more teaching jobs, easier transition for children going to college from intermediate only</p> <p>Yes - strengthen provision at Papakowhai School or Paremata School. It should be located on a new site, not at Aotea College.</p> <p>Creates school where needed most, i.e. directly in growth suburb. Doesn't disrupt surrounding (settled) school communities.</p> <p>Does not add to the traffic congestion for Papakowhai and Paremata School areas. Affects a smaller number of families in the school zones. Students already at Papakowhai and Paremata Schools will be more settled as they are unaffected by the establishment of a new school. Less disruption, pressure and OSH risks to complete a construction job away from existing schools. Less commute/more convenient for Aotea residents so they will choose this school and leave more vacancies at Papakowhai and Paremata for those who actually live in those areas.</p> <p>Can accommodate further growth in Aotea, reduces travel.</p>
Weaknesses of the option	<p>Where would the second campus or new school be located? Logistically can a satellite operate to the same level as its larger counterpart? Will this cause a roll drop in the other schools nearby? Will the new school perform at the level of the other high functioning Primary schools? Families may have to drop and pick up children at different locations creating increased flow of traffic in the area.</p> <p>Is a new primary school sustainable? There is available capacity in Eastern Porirua. Significant cost/resourcing</p>
Is this option preferred and why	No
Other comments	

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### Option 3

#### Other options the community may come up with

3. a. Review all of the school zones in the Porirua area. Create new school zones for all of the schools surrounding Aotea Block and provide road access John Burke Drive to Mungavin Ave so families can walk and drive to the nearest school in minutes.

Strengths of the option	<p>This will lead to an increase in the school rolls of many of the Porirua East Schools with plenty of classroom space. This will bring people and money into the vibrant local Porirua East community creating new school, job and community opportunities. It will save a lot of tax payer money for the Ministry of Education having to build a new school in Aotea Block that is possibly not needed or can't be sustained.</p> <p>All Northern Porirua schools who have established school zones and no over-crowding will remain unaffected by this and continue as normal.</p> <p>Aotea College can continue to focus on being a great Year 9-13 school.</p> <p>This option should greatly relieve traffic congestion in Porirua.</p> <p>More students will go to their local school and there is more space available.</p>
Weaknesses of the option	<p>Aotea Block residents may not support their local school due to the school's history of being low decile.</p> <p>Reduces choice for Aotea Block residents.</p>



Is this option preferred and why	<p>This is the most sensible and cost effective option out of the three.</p> <p>There are schools near Aotea Block with empty classrooms and large playgrounds ready to accommodate the new families building on the Aotea Block subdivision.</p> <p>Aotea Block residents need to embrace their local school and get involved to support its growth.</p> <p>It will alleviate the demand and overcrowding at Papakowhai and Rangikura Schools and relieve traffic congestion while saving millions in taxpayer funding building a new school that may not be needed.</p>
Other comments	

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