

Avonside Girls' High School and Shirley Boys' High School schemes announced

The amended enrolment schemes for Avonside Girls' High School and Shirley Boys' High School were announced today by both schools.

Thank you to all those who took the time to provide the schools with feedback during the consultation. From the outset, both schools have been aware that the future zones for their schools would need to be appropriate for their new location and the community feedback was an invaluable part of the process and was taken into account when making the decision.

A considerable amount of time has been spent discussing future zone options with both schools with the aim of ensuring they can effectively manage future demographic and roll changes.

We want to acknowledge the time and effort that both Boards have put into planning for their new enrolment schemes.

Following the consultation process, the schools proposed that the future enrolment scheme home zones would include the area immediately around the QEII site, New Brighton and Marshland areas. and include those children living in the current zone as at 1 January 2019. However, the Ministry believes this presented a significant risk of sustained overcrowding at both schools which would impact on the delivery of quality education for all students.

Consequently, the Ministry of Education has been unable to approve the schools proposed enrolment schemes.

The Ministry has approved an amended scheme that will provide for current students, students in the surrounding area and made provision for those in their existing zones. We have ensured that we have not excluded any more areas than necessary.

It is important for the school communities to know, that irrespective of the changes to the enrolment schemes, no students currently enrolled will be disadvantaged.

The enrolment schemes will help Avonside Girls' High School, and Shirley Boys' High School make effective and efficient use of their new schools and will give them the ability to manage future rolls and reduce the risk of overcrowding.

Information on the new enrolment schemes for Avonside Girls' High School and Shirley Boys' High School can be found here: [Shaping Education website](#)

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