

The implications for triennial board elections 2013 for the Aranui cluster

Proposed Date	Decision	Implications for elections for Aranui cluster schools
1 February		Recommended date by which to appoint a Returning Officer and minute the election date (all schools whether part of the proposals or not).
7 March	Final date for the Aranui cluster submissions to the Minister.	
End of March	Ministry to report to the Minister on submissions.	
15 April		The recommended date for calling for nominations (the last possible date, 2 May, falls within the school holidays, hence the earlier recommended date).
16 May		Nominations close at noon. If fewer than three valid parent representative nominations are received, the Returning Officer must inform the Board Chairperson. The Board Chairperson must inform the Ministry of Education, and a Commissioner will be appointed.
22 May	The Minister announces her interim decision for the Aranui cluster and invites feedback on the interim decision and any argument as to why schools should remain open.	The Ministry and NZSTA recommend that the Board Chairperson contacts any candidates that have put their names forward, and confirms that they wish to continue as a candidate in the election. If any candidate wishes to withdraw, they must do so in writing to the Returning Officer (refer to Page 15 of the Returning Officers' Handbook 2013).
30 May		Voting closes at noon.
5 June		Votes counted and results declared.
6 June		Boards take office.
3 July	Final date for the submission to the Minister for the Aranui cluster schools.	
September	Expected announcement of final decisions for the Aranui cluster.	
February 2014	If the final decision is to establish new school/s the decision will be gazetted.	
		Where the final decision is for closure and the establishment of a new school
Term 2 2014		Announcement of the Establishment Board of Trustees (EBOT) for the new school.
27 January 2017		School closes and the Board ceases to exist as a legal entity.
27 January 2017		New school/s on the community campus opens and governed by the EBOT until Board elections are held at a date specified by the Minister.

