



Media statement from: Canterbury West Coast Secondary Principals' Association

Secondary School partnerships strengthen the schooling network

Objective: Collaborative relationships amongst the greater Christchurch State Secondary School Principals and Boards of Trustees are set to benefit the schooling network across the city.

Background: Secondary schools have a collective desire to create a network that will have a greater positive impact on their communities. The work being launched today is the culmination of seven years of working towards a shared vision, and secondary schools have taken action to improve their approach to ensuring a sustainable network. Throughout this process, schools remained committed to ensuring that any approach to change met the needs of their individual schools while also supporting the effectiveness of improving the network.

The key to successful change lies in our collaborative approach where we continue to share the responsibility for a sustainable network.

Action: All secondary schools in the Greater Christchurch area, supported by the Ministry of Education, have been involved in developing an approach to build a stronger secondary school network. Seven of these schools: Burnside High School, Haeata Community Campus, Hillmorton High School, Linwood College, Mairehau High School, Papanui High School and Riccarton High School, are proposing to amend or implement an enrolment scheme. This comes after Hornby High, Cashmere High, Shirley Boys and Avonside Girls have already reviewed and put in place an enrolment scheme in the last year. The Canterbury West Coast Secondary Principals' Association are supporting this by providing a facilitator to help manage the consultation process.

As there are seven schools (Burnside High School, Haeata Community Campus, Hillmorton High School, Linwood College, Mairehau High School, Papanui High School and Riccarton High School), proposing new enrolment schemes or amendments to their current enrolment schemes, these schools have decided to co-ordinate the consultation, so that communities are well-informed and are able to see what is proposed across our city.

The concept of a dual layer enrolment scheme for the four single sex schools in the city is also progressing. This ensures that all students can access a co-ed secondary school and have increased access to single-sex education.

New and amended enrolment schemes for secondary schools **may** take effect from 1 January 2020. However, this date may change depending on the results of the consultation.

We encourage anyone who wants to have their say on the proposed enrolment schemes to attend one of the upcoming public meetings, or fill in the online survey. Details on the proposed amended and new enrolment schemes can be found on www.shapingeducation.govt.nz/secondary

Public consultation will finish on 12 April 2019 and, following this, the schools will consider all feedback and then make their recommendation to the Ministry of Education.

We would like to acknowledge the Ministry of Education staff who have been working closely with us to support our collaborative action.

Phil Holstein, President of CWCSA, 11 March 2019