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Proposed Amendment to Enrolment Scheme- Conifer Grove School

Yesterday we received a decision regarding the Proposed Amendment to Enrolment Scheme from the Ministry of Education.

After careful consideration of the feedback and a review of the rationale the Ministry of Education has directed Conifer Grove School to include Waiata Shores in the School's enrolment scheme.

Their decision was based on the following factors:

- Waiata Shores falls within the Papakura Local Board Area and Conifer Grove West statistical area, making it a natural extension of the suburb of Conifer Grove.
- Additional access points to be provided in the short-term are much more likely to be into Conifer Grove. There are no funded short-medium term plans to bridge the Papakura Stream.
- Many concerns raised by the community can either be responded to, or are not within the control of the Ministry of Education.

We have also attached the FAQ's which has also been provided to us by the Ministry in response to community feedback.

The Board of Trustees will meet on Monday and will be discussing how to respond to the decision.

As a reminder, Board Meetings may be attended by members of the community. We would appreciate notification in advance by e-mailing BOT@cgschool.ac.nz by 3:00pm on the day of the meeting to ensure we have suitable venue / seating. The meeting will start sharply at 6:00pm. Non-Board members do not have speaking rights unless invited by the Board, and as the meeting covers a range of dry topics are a difficult place for youngsters to be at. If attending, please plan for children to stay at home.

Yours Sincerely

Olaf van Daalen
Chairperson
Conifer Grove School Board of Trustees



Community FAQs

The Ministry of Education has approved an amendment to Conifer Grove School's enrolment scheme home zone, to include the new Waiata Shores Development. A copy of the new home zone and written description is attached.

Why has the Ministry of Education made this decision?

The Ministry has a responsibility to manage the schooling network. In this instance the decision was made by weighing up the following considerations:

- the location of the development – it falls within the Papakura Local Board, and Conifer Grove Statistical area, making it a natural extension of the Conifer Grove Community.
- access to schools from the development – in the short-medium term it is much more likely that access into Conifer Grove will be provided than north into Wattle Downs/Manurewa.
- consultation feedback – all feedback was carefully considered, and much of this is responded to below.

How many children are expected to attend Conifer Grove School from Waiata Shores?

Waiata Shores is a multi-stage development which will be delivered over 5+ years. Once complete, we would anticipate approximately an additional 154 students attending Conifer Grove School (based on 650 dwellings).

Why hasn't this area been zoned for Clayton Park School?

In addition to the location of the development within Papakura/Conifer Grove, access is a primary reason for the zoning decision. The Papakura stream (both a boundary and a natural hazard) separates Waiata Shores from Clayton Park School. There are no short-medium term plans to provide pedestrian access across the stream towards Clayton Park School. If in the future this is constructed, a shared zone between the two schools may be considered.

How will this affect student/teacher ratios and class sizes?

Schools are resourced on roll numbers, so an increase in roll would result in additional funding for staffing and resources.

How will these children be accommodated at Conifer Grove School?

As any new students living within the development would be 'in-zone', they count towards the school receiving roll growth property funding to add additional teaching spaces at the school.

I will be living in Waiata Shores, does my child have to go to Conifer Grove School?

Conifer Grove School would be your 'in-zone' school. However your child would be able to attend other schools that do not operate enrolment schemes or alternatively apply for 'out-of-zone' places (where offered) at schools that do operate enrolment schemes.

Will a build project remove all the green space at Conifer Grove School?

School sites are scoped and master planned prior to a construction project on site. Careful consideration is given to retaining recreational areas for students.

Does this mean there will be road linkages from Brylee Drive and Keywella Drive into Waiata Shores?

This is a decision made by Auckland Transport and outside of the influence of the Ministry of Education.

I have more questions.

Please email the Ministry of Education at network.team@education.govt.nz