



Frequently Asked Questions

Enrolment scheme for Karetu School

As a parent or caregiver, you might have specific questions about enrolments and enrolment schemes. If it is not covered here, you can email us – taitokerau.enrolmentschemes@education.govt.nz

Can I enrol a child at any of the neighbouring schools around Karetu School?

Yes. Currently the neighbouring schools do not have enrolment schemes.

How do I know what the home zone is for schools in the Karetu area?

All of the current enrolment schemes at all schools can be found at [Find a school](#).

Why does Karetu School need an enrolment scheme?

An enrolment scheme is a tool to help schools manage the roll. This is needed to prevent the risk of overcrowding and ensure that the school does not have more students than its facilities can cope with. It's important that Karetu School has an enrolment scheme so it can grow in a managed way.

What is a home zone?

A defined geographical area, with its boundaries indicated by road names and numbers among other features.

Home zones are consulted over before being finalised – we need to understand any geographic, access or community implications before these come into effect. If you have any comment about the proposed home zones for Karetu School, please complete the survey, or email us.

If we live inside the home zone of a state school, does that school have to accept our enrolment application?

Yes. Living in the enrolment scheme home zone means you have entitlement to enrol your child at that school. It's important to note that schools may ask for proof that you genuinely live at the address in the home zone, and it's your responsibility to provide evidence to show this.

If we live outside the home zone of a state school, can we still get my child into that school?

Not necessarily. Schools can enrol some out of zone students, but only if the board determines it has space available after all in-zone students are enrolled or planned for. It is possible that Karetu School will not have space for any out of zone students in the next few years.

There are processes that boards follow to enrol out of zone students, and these only happen at certain times of the year. More information can be found about these processes [here](#) or by contacting the school.

If we live one street or a few street numbers away from a school's home zone boundary, can my child still attend the school?

No. You are considered to be outside the zone and should refer to the question above.

I am currently attending a Year 1-6 primary school near Karetu School, does this mean I can attend Karetu School in Year 7?

Not necessarily. Your entitlement to enrol at Karetu School depends on where you live at the time of enrolment, not at the school attended. If you are not living in the home zone, and are attending a Year 1-6 contributing primary, you can seek enrolment at Karetu School for your child at Year 7 and be included in a balloting process. If you aren't sure and want to discuss your situation further, please email:

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What is grandparenting or a transitional arrangement?

The enrolment scheme legislation allows for transitional arrangements for families impacted by zoning changes. This is commonly known as 'grandparenting'.

A transitional arrangement (often referred to as grandparenting) can be included in new or amended zones to help reduce the impact of enrolment schemes to families that are already enrolled at the school. This means that younger siblings can enrol at the same school as their older brother or sister and gives families certainty about their enrolment eligibility, without having to wait for an out of zone process. It means these students would be treated as in-zone and have the same entitlement to enrol as if they lived in the home zone.

Transitional arrangements do not apply to everyone – criteria must be met. A grandparenting clause is being considered for Karetu School as the potential numbers of students that would qualify, on balance, could be accommodated within the school's existing capacity.