



Frequently Asked Questions

Enrolment scheme for Otamatea High 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 Otamatea High School?

No. Currently there are enrolment schemes implemented at Kaiwaka School, Mangawhai Beach School, Rodney College, Bream Bay College, and Mahurangi College. Enrolment in these schools for students who live outside their respective zones is by ballot. More information can be found on the balloting process [here](#).

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

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

Why does Otamatea High 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 Otamatea High 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 Otamatea High 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 of Trustees determines it has space available after all in-zone students are enrolled or planned for. It is possible that Otamatea High 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 for more information.

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.

My child is currently attending a Year 1-6 primary school near Otamatea High School, does this mean I can attend Otamatea High School in Year 7?

Not necessarily. Your child's entitlement to enrol at Otamatea High School depends on where you live at the time of enrolment, not at the school attended. If you live outside the Otamatea High School home zone you will need to engage in the balloting process for entry. If you aren't sure and want to discuss your situation further, please email the address above.

I currently live within the proposed enrolment scheme zone (EZ) but outside of the transport entitlement zone (TEZ), as the TEZ is smaller than the EZ. Will the TEZ be increased to match the EZ thereby providing free transport to Otamatea High School for my children?

No. The size of the enrolment zone has been drafted so that it is no smaller than required to mitigate the risk of overcrowding at Otamatea High School. Currently, the enrolment zone is proposed to go beyond the mid-points to the neighbouring schools as the demographic analysis shows that Otamatea High School has sufficient capacity to accommodate students in these extended areas, however the TEZ's do not change.

When is the proposed commencement date of the Otamatea High School enrolment scheme?

There are several legislative requirements in the process to implement an enrolment scheme including reasonable steps taken to ensure that the affected members of the broader Otamatea community have an opportunity to provide input into the consultation process. Therefore, the proposed commencement date is 1 January 2023.