



Frequently Asked Questions

Enrolment scheme for Oturu 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 Oturu School?

Currently Paparore School is the only neighbouring school that has an enrolment scheme. Te Rangi Aniwaniwa, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Pukemiro and Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tututarakihi have entry criteria based on Tikanga Māori and Te Reo competencies. Pompallier Catholic School and Kaitaia Abundant Life School have faith-based entry criteria.

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

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

Why does Oturu 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 Oturu 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 Oturu 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 Oturu School may 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 outside the zone and should refer to the question above.

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

Not necessarily. Your entitlement to enrol at Oturu School depends on where you live at the time of enrolment, *not* at the school attended. Oturu has 2 home zones. One for Years 1 – 6 and a slightly different one for Year 7 and 8.

If your child is not living in Oturu School's home zone for Years 1 - 6, and is attending a neighbouring Year 1-6 contributing primary, you can seek enrolment at Oturu School for your child at Year 7 and /or Year 8.

If you live within the Year 7 and 8 home zone you will be entitled to enrol your child at Oturu School.

If you live outside the Oturu Year 7 and 8 home zone you will need to engage in the balloting process for enrolment. If you are unsure and want to discuss your situation further, please email the address above.

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) may 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 balloting 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 Oturu School as the potential numbers of students that would qualify are likely to be managed within Oturu School's existing facility.