



Frequently Asked Questions

Enrolment scheme for Taipa Area 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 Taipa Area School?

No. Currently Oruaiti School has an enrolment scheme. Other neighbouring schools do not.

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

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

Why does Taipa Area 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 Taipa Area 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 Taipa Area 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 for the age group of the applicant 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 Taipa Area 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. You must be connected to the internet for the link to work.

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.

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 Taipa Area School as the potential numbers of students that would qualify are likely to be managed within Taipa Area School's existing facility.

Due to the capacity of Taipa Area School and the current roll, a grandparenting provision is not included in this scheme.