

**Education Report: Addendum to the Education Report –
Outcomes of Consultation on Proposed
School Closures and Mergers in Greater
Christchurch**

Recommended Actions

We recommend that you:

- a. **note** the update that is provided to the report "Outcomes of Consultation on Proposed School Closures and Mergers in Greater Christchurch".



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Purpose of Report

1. This report updates the report Outcomes of Consultation on Proposed School Closures and Mergers in Greater Christchurch (METIS 742945 Part 1) to reflect the Ministry of Education's revised recommendations regarding the proposed merger of Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Waitaha and Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Whanau Tahī, and the proposed closure of Shirley Intermediate School.

Background

2. You have been provided with a report about provision for Māori medium education if all the proposals for merger or closure of Christchurch schools proceed (METIS 745275). This report sought your agreement to a revised recommendation for Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Waitaha and Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Whanau Tahī. This recommended that one of the kura is relocated and you initiate consultation with the Boards of the kura about which of them this will be.
3. You have also been provided with an Addendum to the Education Report – Consideration of Closure of Shirley Intermediate School (METIS 747668). This provided additional information about Shirley Intermediate School and the degree of change to schooling in the Shirley Learning Community Cluster, and requests that the recommendations in Education report 741954 regarding the proposal for the closure of Shirley Intermediate School be replaced with a recommendation to retain the school.
4. The current report provides updates to the overall report that accompanied the reports about individual proposals for school closures and mergers. These updates reflect the Ministry's revised recommendations about Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Waitaha and Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Whanau Tahī and Shirley Intermediate School, and should be read alongside the original report.

Updates to Original Report

5. Paragraph 4 in the section Summary of Recommendations on Proposals for Closures and Mergers reads *"Of the 13 schools in this group which were originally proposed for outright closure, we recommend that eight should proceed"*. This should now be considered to read *"Of the 13 schools in this group which were originally proposed for outright closure, we recommend that seven should proceed"*. Shirley Intermediate School should not be included in the list of recommended closures that follows this paragraph.

6. Paragraph 52 reads *“Overall, of the 13 schools proposed for outright closure, we now recommend that you should proceed with eight (Hammersley Park and Le Bons Bay School have already closed).”* This should now be considered to read *“Overall, of the 13 schools proposed for outright closure, we now recommend that you should proceed with seven (Hammersley Park and Le Bons Bay School have already closed).”* Shirley Intermediate School should not be included in the list of recommended closures that follows this paragraph.
7. Where Paragraph 59 reads *“This should include discussions about the best location for bilingual and immersion provision across the network, and include considering whether one kura should be relocated in order to improve access across greater Christchurch (both are located currently slightly to the south of the city centre, meaning that whānau in the north of greater Christchurch have a long journey in order to access this provision).”* This part of the paragraph should now be considered to read *“The Ministry also recommends that one of the kura is relocated in order to improve access to immersion Māori medium education across greater Christchurch. We recommend that you initiate another round of consultation with the Boards of the kura about which of them will be relocated.”*
8. Paragraph 66 reads *“Of the schools now recommended for closure or merger, six currently offer provision of Māori medium education.”* This should now be considered to read *“Of the schools now recommended for closure or merger, five currently offer provision of Māori medium education.”*
9. Paragraph 80 reads *“If Shirley Intermediate closes as proposed, its learners can be accommodated by recapitating Shirley Primary which is well situated in the network and has sufficient space.”* This part of the paragraph should now be considered to read *“If you do not agree with the recommendation to retain Shirley Intermediate School and instead decide to progress the closure of the intermediate, its learners could be accommodated by recapitating Shirley Primary which is well situated in the network and has sufficient space. It should be noted that the Board of Shirley Primary School does not support the closure of Shirley Intermediate School or the associated recapitation of Shirley Primary School.”*