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Tēnā koe Marcus

OIA: 1322372 - Historical timeline of acquisition of new school sites

Thank you for your email of 5 February 2024 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

1. *Please provide the following information for the ten most recent newbuild school development projects. These can be anonymised if required.*

Please note this information is required where land is acquired from a private owner for the purpose of building a new school, not where the land is already owned by you, another Ministry, or local Government.

- a. *Region/Area - general area is OK if this could disclose private data.*
 - b. *Type of school (i.e. primary or secondary).*
 - c. *Month and year that negotiations with land owner commenced.*
 - d. *Month and year that negotiations with land owner concluded - and whether the PWA was invoked to acquire the land.*
2. *Please also advise month and year that negotiations with the landowner for the proposed new "Kumeu College" site commenced.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

In response to **part one** of your request, I am providing to you a table outlining the ten most recent new build school developments that have opened across New Zealand as **Appendix A** below this letter, please refer to the notes below the table.

Land purchase for the Crown is facilitated under the Public Works Act 1981 (PWA). There are sections in the PWA that facilitate "Acquisition by agreement" (section 17) and sections that facilitate "Compulsory acquisition of land" (section 23). Each of the school developments in the below list were acquired under acquisition by agreement, section 17 of the PWA.



In response to **part two** of your request, the Ministry initiated negotiations for the Kumeū site in February 2023. There are two sites that comprise the potential College site and negotiations with the second landowner have not commenced.

Please note, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review my decision on your request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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Appendix A:

School	Region	Type of School	Month and year that negotiations with landowner commenced	Month and year that negotiations with landowner concluded	Was PWA “evoked”?	School Opened
Pūtahi – Belfast School	Canterbury	Year 5-8 (Senior Campus of Pūtahi - Belfast Primary)	August 2017	October 2018	Acquisition by agreement Section 17 PWA	Term 1 2024
Ahutoetoe School	Auckland (North West)	Contributing Primary (Year 1-6)	February 2018	May 2019	Acquisition by agreement Section 17 PWA	Term 1 2023
Nukumea Primary School - Te Kura Tuatahi O Nukumea	Auckland (North)	Contributing Primary (Year 1-6)	August 2017	May 2018	Acquisition by agreement Section 17 PWA	Term 1 2023
Mangapikopiko	Auckland (South)	Contributing Primary (Year 1-6)	January 2017	April 2018	Acquisition by agreement Section 17 PWA	Term 3 2022
Te Rōhutu Whio	Canterbury	Full Primary (Year 1-8)	October 2018	June 2019	Acquisition by agreement Section 17 PWA	Term 1 2022
Te Kura Whakatipu o Kawarau	Otago	Full Primary (Year 1-8)	October 2017	December 2018	Acquisition by agreement Section 17 PWA	Term 1 2022
Ngākōroa School	Auckland (South)	Full Primary (Year 1-8)	September 2017	October 2018	Acquisition by agreement Section 17 PWA	Term 1 2022
Tamaoho School	Auckland (South)	Contributing Primary (Year 1-6)	June 2009	March 2011	Acquisition by agreement Section 17 PWA	Term 1 2021
Te Matauru Primary	Canterbury	Full Primary (Year 1-8)	May 2013	December 2013	Acquisition by agreement Section 17 PWA	Term 1 2020
Te Kura O Take Kārara	Otago	Contributing Primary (Year 1-6)	February 2017	December 2017	Acquisition by agreement Section 17 PWA	Term 1 2020

The information in Appendix A should be read in conjunction with the following notes:

1. *The table only indicates new schools that are located on land purchased from a private owner. For completeness, the land for Scott Point Primary (opened in 2021) was purchased from Auckland Council and the land for Te Manawa ō Pāpāmoa School (opened 2022) was purchased from the New Zealand Transport Agency.*
2. *Regarding month and year that negotiations with landowner commenced, the date in this column is based on either:*
 - a. *when a formal introductory letter is sent from the Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) accredited supplier (engaged by the Ministry) to the landowner of the land*
 - b. *when formal negotiations are confirmed to the landowner through email or recorded meeting notes from the LINZ accredited supplier.*
 - c. *Informal discussions often take place prior to the formal negotiations commencing. The initial date of these informal discussions is difficult to confirm.*
3. *Regarding month and year that negotiations with landowner concluded, the date in this column is based on the date of settlement, i.e. money was paid to the landowner.*
4. *For your convenience, we have added a column indicating the opening date of each school.*
5. *The opening composition of the school is not always known at the time of acquisition. For example, the decision for the site in Belfast to be used as a senior school for years 5-8 as part of Pūtahi – Belfast School was made after the site was purchased.*
6. *Mangapikopiko is a relocation and renaming of Park Estate school.*
7. *All of the schools listed are English medium state schools. Te Rōhutu Whio also has bi-lingual provision.*