

Berhampore School Proposed Enrolment Scheme Consultation Document



Consultation period
22 May to 30 June 2017

Why an enrolment scheme?

As a way to manage roll growth, the Berhampore School Board of Trustees (the Board) is consulting the community on an enrolment scheme (zoning) for Berhampore School.

An enrolment scheme will ensure the right of local children to attend their local school is protected.

Berhampore School currently has 286 students, with 220 students in the conventional school and 66 in the Montessori Unit. The following table shows the school's roll has been steadily increasing.

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Roll	168	165	178	183	180	198	213	221	240	277	286

We are currently able to accommodate all our students by creatively using classroom and resource spaces. For example, our library now occupies a room in the hall, rather than a classroom space. But if the roll keeps growing at the same pace, we will not have enough space for students.

If Berhampore School continues to experience roll growth after introducing an enrolment scheme, the school will work with the Ministry of Education to increase the number of classrooms or adjust the home zone. The Ministry of Education has said it is highly unlikely to agree to additional classrooms without an enrolment scheme being in place first.

When would an enrolment scheme commence?

If an enrolment scheme is introduced, it would come into effect at the beginning of 2018 and pre-enrolment processes would take place at the end of 2017.

Consultation process

The Board wants to hear your views on the proposed enrolment scheme. Please fill in the questionnaire at the end of this document and return it to the school via post, email (office@berhampore.school.nz) or put it in the box in the office. Please return the questionnaire by **Friday 30 June 2017**.

You are also invited to attend a consultation evening about the proposed enrolment scheme on **Wednesday 31 May, 7.30pm** in the school hall.

We will also have a display board in the school office.

The school will provide written responses to questions from submitters where contact details are provided.

Home zone

A school with an enrolment scheme in place needs to define a 'home zone'. All students who live within the home zone are entitled to enrol at the school at any time.

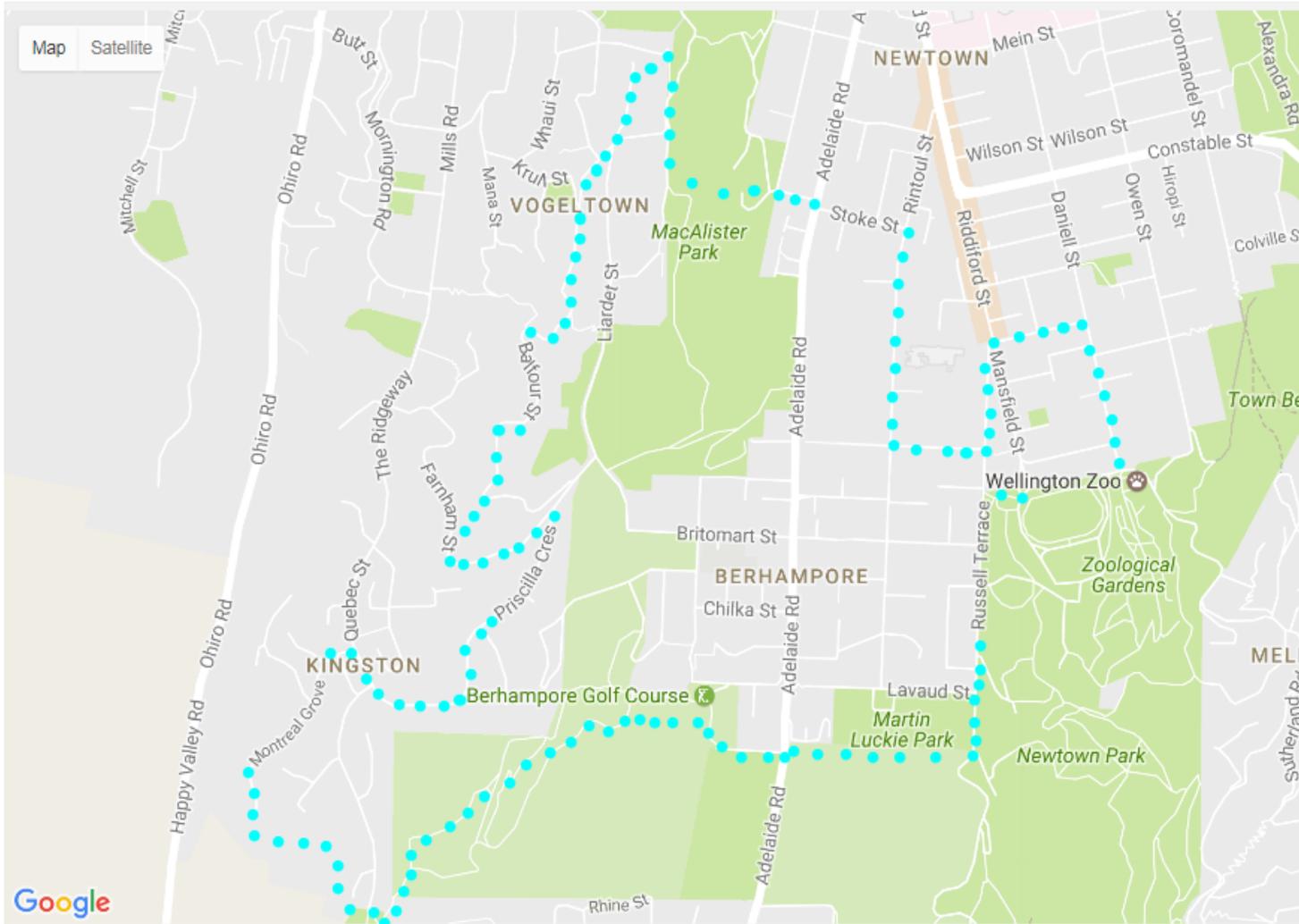
A student wanting to enrol at Berhampore School must genuinely live (ie, their usual place of residence) inside the school's home zone to enrol on the school general roll

as of right. The school may ask for supporting evidence to confirm a student's usual place of residence.

Students already at Berhampore School will not be affected by the introduction of an enrolment scheme if they live outside the home zone. However, younger siblings of current students who live outside the home zone will need to apply as part of the 'out of zone' enrolment process. The Board acknowledges this is contrary to previous advice it has provided regarding an enrolment scheme.

When determining a home zone for Berhampore School the Board has considered where natural boundaries lie (eg, hill ridges, main arterial routes), as well as where the majority of students currently and historically live. The Board has also considered the boundaries of neighbouring schools with current or proposed enrolment schemes. Based on this information the Board proposes the following area for the school's home zone.

Proposed boundaries for Berhampore School home zone



Description of proposed boundaries for Berhampore School home zone

Starting in the south: the southern boundary runs westwards from the corner of Russell Terrace and Lavaud St and follows the edge of Martin Luckie Park. Turning left at the corner of the park and Lavaud St, the boundary runs south to the corner with Berhampore golf course (east side). Numbers 557 to 599 Adelaide Rd are in zone. Continuing southward to include number 572 Adelaide Rd, the boundary continues west along the edge of Berhampore Golf course (west side).

Adelaide Rd house numbers from and including 330 to 572 (west) are in zone including all off streets. Adelaide Rd house numbers from and including 343A to 599 (east) are in zone including all off streets.

From the golf course the boundary runs southward across along the City To Sea Walkway to join with 109 (east) and 112 (west) Quebec St before turning northwards up along Montreal Grove to the intersection with 34 Quebec St (included). All addresses on Maple Grove, Winnipeg Way, Camrose Grove, Clinton Way, Vancouver St and Columbia Way are in zone. Caribou Rd and Kingston Heights Rd are not in zone.

From the intersection of Montreal St and 34 Quebec St (included), the boundary then continues east along Halifax St and then Priscilla Cres, to the intersection of Priscilla Cres and Farnham St. The boundary includes Farnham St house numbers up to and including 57 (south) and 42A & B (north).

The zone includes all houses on Balfour St, McColl St, Short St and Liardet St, Dransfield St and Finnimore Terrace.

Krull St, Moffit St and Pearce St are not in zone.

The zone continues in a line from the intersection of Finnimore Tce and Hutchison Rd across Rugby League Park to the corner of Hanson St and Stoke St. All houses on Stoke St are in zone, however number 207 Hanson St is not in zone.

The zone continues across the intersection with Adelaide Rd to the intersection of Stoke St with 76 Rintoul St (included). All houses on Stoke St are in zone. Kenwyn Terrace is not in zone. Rintoul St addresses from and including 76, 76A & B (west) to 300 Rintoul St are in zone. Rintoul St addresses from and including 53 (east) to 297 Rintoul St are in zone.

The eastern boundary runs from the intersection of Stoke St with Rintoul St to the corner of Waripori St, then left into Waripori St east, including houses on both sides of Waripori St, to the intersection with Russell Tce. All of Russell Tce is in zone including the north end to the roundabout on Riddiford St, and then eastwards including houses on both sides along Rhodes St, to the intersection with Daniel St.

The zone runs south from the corner of Rhodes St and Daniel St to the intersection of Daniel St and Manchester St. Addresses on the eastside of Daniel St from 137 to 193 +193A Daniel St are in zone. Addresses on the westside of Daniel St from 118 +118A to 200 Daniel St are in zone. Manchester St is not in zone. The east boundary then runs in a line across to Russell Tce.

All streets within the boundaries listed above are in zone

In home zone enrolments

If an enrolment scheme is introduced, all students who live within the home zone would be entitled to enrol at the school. Each year, the Board would seek an indication of enrolment for the following year from in-zone students to enable the Board to assess the number of places that could be made available to students who live outside the home zone.

Out of home zone enrolments

If an enrolment scheme is introduced, each year the Board would determine the number of places that are likely to be available in the following year for the enrolment of students who live outside the home zone. The Board would publish this information by notice in a daily or community newspaper circulated in the area served by the school. The notice would indicate how applications are to be made and would specify a date by which all applications must be received.

Applications for enrolment would be processed in the following order of priority:

- First priority would be given to students who have been accepted for enrolment in a special programme run by the school and approved by the Secretary for Education.
- Second priority would be given to applicants who are siblings of current students.
- Third priority would be given to applicants who are siblings of former students.
- Fourth priority would be given to any applicant who is a child of a former student of the school.
- Fifth priority would be given to any applicant who is either a child of an employee of the board of the school or a child of a member of the board of the school.
- Sixth priority would be given to all other applicants.

These prioritisation categories are governed by provisions in the Education Act 1989. The Board has no authority to change the priority categories. Nor does the Board have any authority to increase or delete any priority categories.

If there are more applicants in the second, third, fourth, fifth or sixth priority groups than there are places available, selection within the priority group would be by a ballot conducted in accordance with instructions issued by the Secretary for Education under Section 11G(1) of the Education Act 1989. Parents would be informed of the date of any ballot by notice in a daily or community newspaper circulating in the area served by the school.

The Montessori Unit at Berhampore School

Berhampore School has run a Montessori Unit for the past 17 years, which currently has 66 students.

The Board proposes seeking approval from the Ministry of Education for the Montessori Unit to be designated as a special programme in the proposed enrolment scheme. As a special programme, the Montessori Unit would have a maximum limit of up to 80 students and entry criteria would apply before a student could enrol. The entry criteria would be similar to the current entry criteria for inclusion in the Montessori Unit. That is, students must have attended a Montessori early childhood provider or school. If the Montessori Unit became a special programme, the Board would publicly notify a prioritisation system to be used if there were more eligible applicants than places available in the Montessori Unit.

If the Montessori Unit is **not** designated a special programme, students who live outside the home zone and wish to enrol in the Unit, would be prioritised according to second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth priority criteria outlined on the previous page. After undertaking an analysis of Montessori students' residences, the Ministry of Education has advised the majority of students likely to enrol in the Montessori Unit live inside the proposed home zone.

The Board is committed to the continuation of the Montessori Unit and does not intend to enact an enrolment scheme that jeopardises this.

Students with special educational needs

The Board notes the proposed enrolment scheme may limit the ability of Berhampore School to take children from out of the home zone area, including those students who have historically come to Berhampore School because their educational needs have not been met elsewhere.

Review of zone boundary

If an enrolment scheme is introduced, at the beginning of each year, the Ministry of Education would require the Board to review its enrolment scheme and to consider the home zone boundaries and maximum number of students in special programmes. Adjustments would be made to these in accordance to the school's need and in consultation with the Ministry of Education.

Berhampore School Proposed Enrolment Scheme Questionnaire

Please return this questionnaire to Berhampore School via post, email (office@berhampore.school.nz) or put it in the box in the office. Please return the questionnaire by **Friday 30 June 2017**.

1. Name of submitter (optional)

2. Do you support the introduction of an enrolment scheme at Berhampore School?

Yes

No

Depends

3. If you do not support the introduction of an enrolment scheme, or your support is provisional, please outline reasons why.

4. Do you support the area defined as the Berhampore School home zone in the consultation document? (Refer to consultation document home zone map and boundaries.)

Yes

No

5. If you do not support the proposed Berhampore School home zone, please recommend change/s to the home zone area.

6. If you have any additional comments or questions about the proposed enrolment scheme for Berhampore School, please enter them here.

7. If you would like a reply to your question(s), please provide contact details so the school can respond to you.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.