

Horowhenua EDUCATION ACTION PLAN

Horowhenua District Council Vision Statement:

“To make Horowhenua the best rural lifestyle district in New Zealand.”

Horowhenua Education Vision Statement:

“The Horowhenua is New Zealand’s foremost region in taking joint responsibility for the success of our community through education.”

Goals

The strategy has five priority areas with a goal and objectives for each area.

1. Good foundations: All children participate in Te Whariki (curriculum) based early childhood education
2. Student success: All students achieve sound foundations for their learning
3. Maori succeeding as Maori: Maori students achieving academically and socially
4. Preparedness: All students achieve qualifications that enable successful transition to further education, training, work or other meaningful activity
5. Adult Learning: All adults able to access learning opportunities within our community

What is Education Horowhenua's Role?

Education Horowhenua acts primarily as a forum for education service providers, Council, business, community and iwi groups and government agencies to:

- Establish and nurture a collective vision for successful education for our community
- Co-ordinate initiatives and plan collectively to strengthen the provision of education in the Horowhenua
- Provide a vehicle for the Council and government agencies to work across the Horowhenua on initiatives that strengthen education outcomes
- Share information and build networks across the Horowhenua and with external partners
- Identify strategic issues and opportunities and act as a catalyst for new initiatives where there is a gap in current provision
- Find and support others to take ownership of initiatives and provide ongoing encouragement and support

Who has contributed to this Strategy?

Education Horowhenua is made up of representatives from the following areas

1. **Early Childhood**
2. **Primary**
3. **Intermediate**
4. **Secondary**
5. **Tertiary**
6. **Alternative Education**
7. **Community (Including employers and iwi)**
8. **Board of Trustees**

All of these sectors have had the opportunity to contribute to the aims and initiatives of this strategy.



What are the key objectives that need to be achieved, and how?

Early Childhood (0-5 years)

Pre schoolers are enrolled in ECE and have an easy transition to school.

- Ensure Incredible Years programme is utilised to maximum capacity
- Expand access to Reading Together programme to ECE
- Supporting parents and children under 2 into the education system



Primary School (5-12 years)

Primary school students are improving their achievement.

- Expand access to Reading Together programme
- Expand access to Accelerated Literacy Learning programmes
- Expand access to Accelerated Numeracy Learning programmes
- Coordinated opportunities for localised National training
- Access to Professions (writers/artists/scientists) in residence
- Improving transition to secondary
- Expand access to Incredible Years Programme
- Support Māori medium education



Young People (12-24 years)

All young people in the Horowhenua have worthwhile qualifications that enhance transition.

- Enhanced He Kakano across all secondary schools
- Access to Professions (writers/artists/scientists) in residence
- Role models (Raising expectations and motivation)
- Whānau/family: Understanding NCEA
- Collaborative opportunities with tertiary providers
- Support networks to facilitate vocational and learning pathways
- Enable students to successfully transition from secondary school
- Encourage and support the development of young leaders



Adults (25 years and above)

Education opportunities are available that engage the adult community in education.

- Community education classes are available through Te Takere (Chalkle)
- Develop and support opportunities to meet the needs of adult learners
- Collaborative opportunities with tertiary providers



Family/Whānau

Opportunities for Families/Whānau to engage in formal and informal education are strong.

- Include a greater emphasis on education outcomes through programmes provided through government agencies and contracted providers e.g. Whānau Ora
- Expand Positive Parenting Programme
- Training whānau/families in Reading Together programme
- Expand Horowhenua Pasifika Education Initiative (Family co-ordinators)
- Expand SPACE Programme
- Expand access to Computers on Homes Programme
- Māori immersion education
- Expand access to Incredible Years Programme
- Expand access to SPACE Programme
- Support the provision of NCEA information to whānau/families



Community/Cultural

Opportunities for inter-generational and community-wide education initiatives are strong and plentiful.

- Access across the community to creative arts and technologies
- Education Showcase



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