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Hi 9(2)(a) here's where we are at so far.

Can you please let me know if the Minister would like any props etc. for the announcement.

Thanks

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**Date:** Tuesday, 26 November 2024 11:53:00 am  
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Thanks 9(2)(a) – yes, absolutely, just getting signed out so will send this afternoon.  
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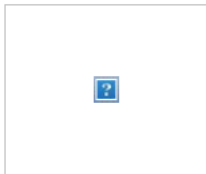
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Hi 9(2)(a)

Our plan was to send the embargoed press release at 9am tomorrow morning. I've already provided 1News and 3News a verbal brief on the announcement, under embargo.

Would you mind sharing your press release with us? We're confirming one small change to ours then we can share that with you as well.

Cheers,  
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Thanks 9(2)(a) – no worries – I've captured that and will distribute to our people. I've added a line into ours about sending the media release – was thinking to send this under embargo at 1:30 – we'll obviously follow yours – do you know when that will be sent? If you're earlier I'll match that.

Thanks  
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Hey 9(2)(a)

We just made one small tweak to the run sheet. Instead of doing a tour of the facilities he will meet and greet with parents. I've amended the run sheet to reflect this.

2pm	Minister Seymour	Arrive at Mastery Schools NZ – Arapaki – meets Rose, Jo and Dave, greets Jane, Justine 9(2)(a) <b>Meet and greet with parents.</b>
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Thanks for all your help with this so far

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Hey 9(2) – a very minor edit to makes things crystal clear – I also ran my wording re the size of rolls past Jordan to ensure it clarifies in the right way – he’s happy.

Thanks very much

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Hey

The office have amended the PR. Would you mind taking a quick look and letting me know if there is anything in here of concern or inaccurate? Apologies for the short turnaround but want to get this into the bag for 4pm!



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Thanks 9(2)(a) The office are happy with what was proposed in the IU:

**Proposed content for press release**

- In Budget 2024, Cabinet approved a tagged contingency of \$153 million over four years for the establishment of new and converting charter schools. The CSA can fund approximately 15 new charter schools and 35 converted charter schools, provided that the resulting additional costs to the Crown, such as establishment and base funding for new schools, can be met within the total available funding. Some funding will “follow the student” when students transfer from state schools to charter schools.
- If new charter schools are smaller than was assumed for Budget 2024, there could be savings that can be used to meet the additional costs of opening more than 15 schools. Where appropriate, Ministers can approve the re-allocation of charter school funding between financial years to enable more charter schools to open in 2025.

This and the draft PR has gone into the weekend bag.



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Thanks 9(2)(a) – I’ll look that out.  
I understand the contract signing is set for this afternoon all going well.

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Hi 9(2)(a)

The additional content has already come through to us. Jordan from policy held the pen on this and said he had ran through CSA already.

We need the contract to be signed before we can confirm the minister flying down to chch. As soon as that is done we can make arrangements.

Thanks

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Kia ora 9(2)(a)

I understand you may have some feedback/additional things to highlight or emphasise in the draft PR which was included in today's briefing – I can sort that directly for you – apologies if you've passed the details on already and it hasn't reached me.

In terms of the timeframe for making this first announcement – Erica and I have been in touch with Rose from Mastery <sup>9(2)(a)</sup> so does Wednesday suit the Minister and team?

Thanks for your help – appreciate you've got a lot to juggle.  
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Just following up from yesterday. Can whoever is holding the pen on the report that is due tomorrow please call me today.

Thanks



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Hey not sure who is holding the pen on this but keen to discuss



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Deadline	10am Friday 22 November
Aim	Provide a briefing to update the minister on timelines and announcements for new Charter Schools



Context	Contracts for the first Charter schools are currently underway and we anticipate the first to be signed this week and next week. The office would like to understand the timeline for each, and the comms around announcements.
Content	Please include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Process for approval, gazetting and public announcement once the contract is signed for each school</li> <li>• A profile of each school (e.g. name of school, location, sponsor of school, year group, size, any special character, key contract terms (e.g. curriculum and assessment tools being used, % registered teachers etc)</li> <li>• Whether announcement could be made on site at school (i.e. does each school have a head office / school premises yet) and if so where this is in NZ.</li> </ul>
Deliverable	Report
Business Unit to allocate the request to	Charter School Agency
<p>Lead Business Unit, please acknowledge receipt of this request by email and provide me with the name of a contact person* for this request.</p> <p>*The contact person should have the decision-making authority and ability to answer any questions the Private Secretaries/Ministers' office has.</p>	



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No we have everything – ive sent the run sheet to the press sec. pending any last changes from their side I think we are all good.

Thanks for the quick turnaround on the various requests today, I really appreciate it.



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Hi 9(2)(a) see I replied to a separate thread than the one re the run sheet. Just checking – do you have or are you still waiting for the additional information you have requested?

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Hi Jane

As discussed we need a clear explanation of what their model is, how it works.

The last bullet gives mixed messaging. We say you can grow the new charter schools if they work but on the other hand we imply if there's increase demand, there is money. Can we explain this more clearly?



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**Subject:** FW: Further background on Master Schools New Zealand due 1pm today

Kia ora 9(2)(a)

Please see information below, as requested. If you require anything else, please let me know.

<b>Deadline</b>	1pm today
<b>Aim</b>	Provide info on Mastery School
<b>Context</b>	The Minister has asked for information on this
<b>Content</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Briefing on Mastery's offering, in particular what is the innovation, is it scalable, and why? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mastery Schools New Zealand – Arapaki is a co-educational academic intervention school for years 1-8 students with academic distress or disengagement.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mastery Schools have a highly successful model in Australia with proven results that students are achieving higher than the average at a Mastery School. In their application for a charter school, they demonstrated a clear aspiration to lift academic achievement of students and build the professional development of their teaching workforce, while embedding the New Zealand context into their ethos.</li> <li>• The charter school will be located in Christchurch with a starting roll of 51 students, and capacity to grow within their current property. There is huge potential for students with academic distress or disengagement to benefit from a Mastery Schools charter school across New Zealand.</li> </ul> <p>2. If approving charters with small rolls – are we ensuring we have the funding available for innovative schools to grow and replicate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The independent Authorisation Board has approved schools which are highly innovative and show an ability to grow their offering. The Charter School Agency has worked with the Authorisation Board to ensure approvals and budgeting for schools opening in 2025 and 2026 reflects this.</li> <li>• Should there be increased demand for the charter school model, or a particular school to the point of requiring a new location, then this would currently need to be considered against existing funding.</li> </ul> <p>Required today, both to inform the PR.</p>
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Business Unit to allocate the request to	Charter School Agency
<p><b>Lead Business Unit, please acknowledge receipt of this request by email and provide me with the name of a contact person* for this request.</b></p> <p><b>*The contact person should have the decision-making authority and ability to answer any questions the Private Secretaries/Ministers' office has.</b></p>	

Ngā mihi,

**Emma Peckham**

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Hi 9(2)(a)

Can you call me please? Asap.



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Hi 9(2)(a) I'm gathering details and working on this.

Thanks

9(2)(a)

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For the run sheet:

- 1:50pm – Media arrives
- 2:00 – Minister arrives, meets Rose, goes on a quick tour of premises
- 2:10 – Minister announces Opening
- 2:15 – Media standup



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Thanks 9(2)(a)

We will need both indoor and outside options just because of weather. Note for the runsheet - Media will want to arrive before the minister so they can set up in time.

How many classrooms do they have?

The office are keen to get some rolling footage of a possible tour.

Can we please get that run sheet through asap please

Call me if its easier to discuss



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Kia ora 9(2)(a)

Please see attached photos of the site – note these are old; the signage has been removed and the adjacent field now has apartments on it.

The deck area looks into the staff training area which I'm told they hope to have some furniture in by Wednesday. This could be a good option for media standup. Or at the outside entrance. The rest of the building will remain empty until furniture arrives.

The building is 1300sqm so a walk around would not take long.

The key contact for you is CE Rose McInerney 9(2)(a). I have spoken with her, and she'll expect a call from security. She is familiar with ministerial announcements having been the principal of Redcliffs school which was opened during Covid.

Thanks

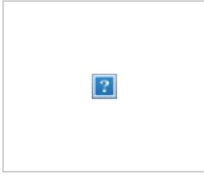
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Thanks 9(2)(a) would be good to include a key contact from the school – as standard procedure we need to let security know details so they will need a key contact

| 9(2)(a)



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Kia ora 9(2)(a) I'll seek out this info and come back to you as soon as possible.

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Thank you.

Do we have a map of the facilities? Our press sec will work with media but we will need to have an idea of size, how long a tour would take, where to set cameras up etc.

Can we have a run sheet with all this info on?



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Kia 9(2)(a) I can confirm Mastery Schools signed their contract last week.

Erica

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Kia ora Philippa

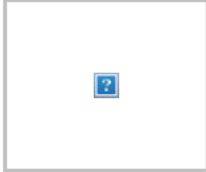
Hope you got some rest over the weekend!

Did the contract get signed last week?

Have you confirmed 2pm with the school? Are there any details you need from our office?

Ngā mihi

9(2)(a)



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**Subject:** RE: Wednesday announcement

Thanks 9(2)(a)

The address of the school is:

Mastery Schools NZ – Arapaki  
8 Kennedy Place  
Hillsborough  
Christchurch

**Philippa Pidd**

9(2)(a)

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**Subject:** Wednesday announcement

Hi we are looking at putting the min on a flight to chch around midday Wednesday now.

Could you send me the address of the school?

We will work out logistics / how long it takes to get from airport etc

Then we can confirm a slot to the school

Thanks

9(2)(a)

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[image003.jpg](#)  
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Thanks very much, 9(2)(a)

Please see attached the CSA PR, which we'll issue at 9:30am tomorrow, under embargo to reporters who have engaged with the agency.

Cheers

9(2)(a)

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**Subject:** RE: PR for tomorrow

Hi all,

For your visibility I've attached the Minister's PR for tomorrow.

Cheers,

9(2)(a)



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Thanks 9(2)(a) yes there is an agency one including comments from Rose – I have pulled out the paragraph's with Jane's reference to Rose, and Rose's attributed comments and sent them to her to check she's happy.

Just waiting for Justin Mahon to give feedback and I'll be able to send it to you. I've written so they dovetail.

Cheers

9(2)(a)

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9(2)(a) – looping you in. I'm not sure Rose. 9(2)(a) is that a PR for the CSA?

Kind wishes,



9(2)(a) | Ministerial Advisor  
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**Subject:** Re: PR for tomorrow

Hi 9(2)(a) and Jane,

Thank you for this. Is there an additional media release as 9(2)(a) has just sent me one with comments from Jane and myself in it also?

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**Subject:** FW: PR for tomorrow

Just looping Jane in to check as well as Rose. Thanks!

Kind wishes,



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**Subject:** PR for tomorrow

Hey Rose

Please find attached our proposed PR to coincide with the announcement tomorrow.

Let me know if you have any thoughts.

Kind regards,

9(2)(a) Private Secretary (Media)

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**27 November 2024**

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### **Diversity in learning options key says head of CSA**

Diversity in education choices will help lift achievement levels, CE of The Charter School Agency (CSA) Jane Lee said at the announcement of the first new charter school in Christchurch today.

Associate Minister for Education, David Seymour, announced this afternoon that Mastery Schools New Zealand – Arapaki will be among the first new charter schools to open in 2025. This follows legislation being introduced in October that set out the framework on how charter schools will be set up, operate, and be monitored.

“I would like to welcome Mastery Schools New Zealand – Arapaki to the charter school programme. I acknowledge sponsors Jo and Dave Jessep for their vision and the school’s CE, Rose McInerney, who is an experienced and passionate educator,” says Ms Lee.

“Today is an acknowledgement that diverse learning options have a place in our communities and a particularly big day for the Mastery Schools New Zealand – Arapaki community.

“There has been a robust process to get to this point and I know there are families who are eagerly anticipating opening day in term one next year.

“There is a high bar for schools to succeed within the charter school model and we will be closely monitoring schools’ performance to ensure they are delivering on expectations.”

Chair of the independent Charter School Authorisation Board, Justine Mahon, says providing a diverse range of options was a key consideration for the Board in making its decisions about the first group of schools to open.

“We want to ensure charter schools are purposeful and offer young people and their families options for learning in environments which more closely and consistently meet their specific educational needs.

“The number, quality and diversity of applications received show the significant interest in this model and we’re looking forward to introducing more schools as funding allows,” she says.

Mrs McInerney said this announcement was a huge step towards bringing the school to fruition.

“We can’t wait to open our doors and bring a proven model of education to students and their families who are struggling with their learning. I feel so proud to be able to let our pre-enrolled students and families, and the wider community, know that we are going to be opening.

“This is the ultimate result for the community we will serve – including families who are moving cities to come to our school. Our goal is to help our students gain Mastery in maths and English so they can return to mainstream education when they are ready. We really can’t wait to get started.”

More announcements about charter schools to open will follow in the coming weeks. There will be a further application round next year. Applications from sponsors for schools which will not be among the first to open will also have an opportunity to be reconsidered.

Read more about [The Charter School Agency](#).

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**Note to editors:**

Mastery Schools New Zealand – Arapaki is a co-educational academic intervention school for year one-eight students with academic distress or disengagement.

The charter school will be located in Opawa, Christchurch with a starting roll of approximately 50 students, and capacity to grow to approximately 210 at the current site.

Mastery Schools New Zealand – Arapaki is a partner school of Mastery Schools Australia, which has opened five campuses since 2021.

See more information about Mastery Schools New Zealand – Arapaki on their [website](#).

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Hi 9(2)(a)

I hope you don't mind me sending this through - I spotted a couple of very minor things in the last section including a repeated word which might have originated from me... I've only skimmed, wasn't reading to edit.

Cheers  
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Hi all,

For your visibility I've attached the Minister's PR for tomorrow.

Cheers,  
9(2)(a)



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Thanks 9(2)(a) yes there is an agency one including comments from Rose – I have pulled out the paragraph's with Jane's reference to Rose, and Rose's attributed comments and sent them to her to check she's happy.

Just waiting for Justin Mahon to give feedback and I'll be able to send it to you. I've written so they dovetail.

Cheers  
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9(2)(a) looping you in. I'm not sure Rose. 9(2)(a) is that a PR for the CSA?

Kind wishes,



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**Subject:** Re: PR for tomorrow

Hi 9(2)(a) Jane,

Thank you for this. Is there an additional media release as 9(2)(a) has just sent me one with comments from Jane and myself in it also?

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**Subject:** FW: PR for tomorrow

Just looping Jane in to check as well as Rose. Thanks!

Kind wishes,



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**Subject:** PR for tomorrow

Hey Rose

Please find attached our proposed PR to coincide with the announcement tomorrow.

Let me know if you have any thoughts.

Kind regards,



9(2)(a) Private Secretary (Media)

Office of Hon David Seymour  
Deputy Prime Minister (from 31 May 2025)  
Minister for Regulation  
Associate Minister of Education  
Associate Minister of Justice  
Associate Minister of Finance

**Hon David Seymour  
Associate Minister of Education**



27 November 2024

**Embargoed until 2:00 pm**

**First charter school announced to open Term 1  
2025**

Associate Education Minister David Seymour today announced Christchurch-based Mastery Schools New Zealand – Arapaki as the first new charter school set to open in term one 2025.

“This announcement is a significant step in the Government’s efforts to lift educational achievement in New Zealand,” says Mr Seymour.

“Charter schools will make New Zealand’s education system more flexible and responsive to family and student needs.

“Every child deserves an education that gives them the opportunity to learn and grow in ways which are more specific to their needs. Mastery Schools New Zealand – Arapaki is a fantastic example of a school that will give families and educators more meaningful educational choice and support.”

“Mastery Schools New Zealand – Arapaki is a partner school of Mastery Schools Australia (MSA). MSA provided another option for students who were disengaged from the state system, and the results speak for themselves.

“Student achievement in reading, mathematics and spelling occurred considerably faster than average. Attendance was 82% averaged across all campuses. While students progressed faster than average in reading, mathematics and spelling.

“I want to thank the Charter School Agency and independent Authorisation Board for the work they have done to progress this important work. They oversaw a robust and fair process with 78 applications in the first round.

“This is just the beginning. I hope to see many more new charter schools opening, and state and state-integrated schools converting to become charter schools.

“The huge demand to open charter schools not only highlights the need, but also the commitment of people to provide varied educational opportunities for young New Zealanders to maximise educational outcomes. Positive education outcomes

can lead to better health, higher incomes, better job stability and greater participation within communities. These are opportunities that every student deserves.

“Charter schools will be given greater freedom to respond to diverse student needs in innovative ways, but they will be held to a much higher standard than state schools and subject to a high level of monitoring and accountability.

“More new charter schools will be announced shortly. Discussions with applicants will continue in the coming weeks. Schools which will not be among the first to open have will have an opportunity to be reconsidered next year.”

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**Note to editors:** Mastery Schools New Zealand – Arapaki is a partner school of Mastery Schools Australia, which has opened five campuses since 2021. It is a full-time school for year one-eight students who have various learning difficulties and are disengaged from mainstream schooling.

Mastery Schools Australia has had phenomenal academic results since opening in 2021. Their most recent 2023 data across five campuses shows:

- Reading: 1.6 years progress in 1 year.
- Mathematics: 1.5 years progress in 1 year.
- Spelling: Average of 1.5 years growth after 1 year.
- Average of 82% attendance across all campuses.

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Hi all

Please see attached daily status report for contracting sponsors, including requested information on BUSY and TIPENE schools.

I will complete for 3pm tomorrow will all school profiles.

Please let me know if there are other aspects or information required and I can amend, as necessary.

Erica

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Sounds excellent, thanks Hannah.

Kind wishes,



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Kia ora 9(2)(a)

I have had a chat with Erica about how to manage the flow of information to you about the charter

schools as they come on stream.

I have asked Erica to create a master document that has a front page with the status of all the schools eg when might a contract be signed, when might announcements happen. There will then be a detailed profile on all 7 school. Erica will work with the wider team to update this document and send over to you on a daily basis.

If you have further questions or information that you want, Erica will add the answers into the same master document the next day. This will prevent the need for lots of different pieces of information flying around, it will also keep you updated regularly on progress.

We will send the first version of this tomorrow at 3pm, and can iterate to meet your needs.

Hannah Cameron  
Head of Applications and Contracts  
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Pencilled in the diary, pending contracts being signed which are expected later this week.

- Wed 4 December Tipene St Stephens 9:30am-10:30am
- Thurs 5 December Busy School 2:00pm

Kind wishes,



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**Charter Schools Daily Contacting Status Report**

Date: 27 November 2024

Contracting Status – all seven expected to reach agreement and sign.

Sponsor (Contracting Party)	Charter School	Anticipated Signing Date	Location	Negotiation Risk*	Announcement
Out of scope					
Mastery Schools New Zealand Limited	Mastery Schools New Zealand – Arapaki	25/11/24 - SIGNED	Christchurch	None	Mastery 27/11/24

\*Risk to Agreement Anticipated Signing Date: level of risk based on outstanding negotiation aspects to agree before signing date.

See below pages for individual School profiles.

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**Mastery Schools New Zealand Limited – Mastery Schools New Zealand – Arapaki**

<b>Sponsor (Contracting Party)</b>	Mastery Schools New Zealand Limited
<b>Charter School</b>	Mastery Schools New Zealand – Arapaki
<b>School Location</b>	Hillsborough, Christchurch
<b>School Type and Years</b>	Primary, co-ed, years 1-8
<b>Roll</b>	2025   51   2026   150   Phasing   N/A
<b>School Focus</b>	Academic excellence
<b>Innovation</b>	<p>How Mastery Schools pedagogy is different from existing provisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on explicit and direct instruction pedagogy.</li> <li>• Academic success met using daily two-hour literacy and numeracy blocks and a longer school day (6 hours).</li> <li>• Staff trained in the Science of Learning, actively facilitate student learning using evidence-based high yield instructional strategies.</li> <li>• Staff trained to use Direct Instruction programmes - Spelling Mastery, Corrective Reading and Connecting Maths Concepts (“field tested” resources proven to work).</li> <li>• Direct Instruction programmes support academically struggling students (e.g. students with dyslexia, dyscalculia, other learning difficulties).</li> <li>• All classes are led by a teacher and assisted by multiple Assistant teachers and all teachers are proficient working with students with learning difficulties.</li> <li>• Specific needs of students met through differentiated classroom instruction - taught in multi-age cores classes where common curriculum links together.</li> <li>• Lessons designed with 15% new material, 85% review and practice with sufficient instruction time incorporated.</li> </ul>
<b>Model of Education</b>	<p>The Mastery model meets academically distressed/disengaged children where they are at academically, socially, and emotionally to provide opportunities for students to learn at their own pace, level and ability. This allows them to successfully re-enter mainstream education.</p>
<b>Qualification</b>	N/A
<b>Evidence of Success</b>	<p>Mastery Schools have a highly successful model in Australia with proven results that students are achieving higher than the average at a Mastery School. Opportunities for accelerated growth (based on proven outcomes at Mastery Schools Australia in a similar environment with similar curriculum) include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: 1.6 years progress in 1 year.</li> <li>• Mathematics: 1.5 years progress in 1 year.</li> <li>• Spelling: Average of 1.5 years growth after 1 year.</li> </ul> <p><i>These results are across all campuses in Australia.</i></p>

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