



29 June 2018

To the Shirley Boys' High School Community,

### **New zone for Shirley Boys' High School**

As you know, our school's Board of Trustees has consulted our community on proposed changes to the school's enrolment zone ahead of our move to QEII Park.

The consultation included public meetings, an online survey, four community meetings (for parents and caregivers) and discussions with our contributing schools. The consultation was widely publicised in local media, through websites and social media.

We were grateful to receive a large volume of feedback to the proposed zone. We took great care to listen to this before giving our final recommendation to the Ministry of Education. Our final recommendation was for the new zone to include the area around our new school at QEII, the areas of Brighton and Marshland and for provision to be made so that children living in our current zone could attend the new school.

The Ministry believes our proposal presented a significant risk of sustained overcrowding which, it said, would impact on the delivery of quality education for all students.

It has now approved an amended scheme that will provide for current students, students in the area surrounding the new campus and made provision for those in our school's existing zone.

The new zone boundaries will take effect from 1 January 2019. The official zone description is attached.

We know there will be a mixed reaction to this zone. The reality is, it was never going to please everyone.

We are pleased the Ministry accepted our request to provide for families in our current zone. These communities made it very clear they wanted the opportunity to attend the new schools.

However, we are naturally disappointed the Ministry did not approve our entire proposal and in particular the area surrounding Marshlands.

We intend to review the school's zone again in May 2019 which is the first opportunity permitted by law. This will enable a robust comparison of actual student data against the Ministry's predicted statistics which may help our case to include the Marshland area.

We also hope the Ministry will find a way to accommodate our request that a son or a daughter who attends either Shirley Boys' or Avonside Girls' High School will enable their brother or sister to qualify for "sibling priority" at the other co-located school.

Our school has a long and proud history in our city and we are well positioned to continue this.

We have an exciting future at the new campus which will open in Term 2 of 2019.

You can see a map of the new zone and find out more information at: [www.shirley.school.nz](http://www.shirley.school.nz)

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Deavoll". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tony Deavoll  
Chair  
Shirley Boys' High School Board of Trustees