

# 2017 Education Statistics Report

Cook Islands Ministry of Education

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## Foreword

Kia Orana.

I am pleased to introduce the 2017 edition of the Cook Islands Ministry of Education Statistics Report.

A current priority of the Ministry is better use of data at all levels of education to inform decision making – from next learning steps for a student in the classroom through to changes in policy and funding mechanisms. Informed decision making that focusses on an outcome of quality education is based on good information. Valid and reliable data underpins such information.

This report covers student outcomes for the 2016 academic year and 2017 enrolment and participation data. Other sections of the report include finance and programme based data.

The Ministry of Education acknowledges the contributions made by all the schools, providers, ministry divisions, regional and international agencies who supported the collection and analysis of data of the Education Statistics Report 2017.

The Cook Islands Education Statistics report is available to all our stakeholders. We sincerely hope that such data and information proves useful to researchers, policy-makers, those who provide services and support as well as to the community at large.

Kia Manuia.

Gail Townsend Secretary of Education <u>Ministry of Education</u>

## Introduction

Welcome to the Cook Islands Ministry of Education Statistics Report 2017.

It is the aim of the Ministry of Education to provide all stakeholders as well as national, regional and international partners with quality educational statistics.

Information in this report is produced from the Education Management Information System (EMIS) and is supported by data provided by other divisions within the Ministry of Education. Data for this report are collected annually from schools and the Cook Islands Tertiary Training Institute.

Data are provided for the current year and as a five-year time series where appropriate. Student assessment and the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) data is provided for the previous year. Fiscal information is expressed in line with the financial year.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning and Development Division of the Ministry of Education. A copy of this publication is also available on the Ministry of Education's website: <u>www.education.gov.ck</u>

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## Education in the Cook Islands At a glance, 2017





516 children attend early childhood centres, 52% are male and 48% are female.
29 ECE teachers.
1 teacher for 18 children.
13% of the operating budget to schools is allocated to ECE.

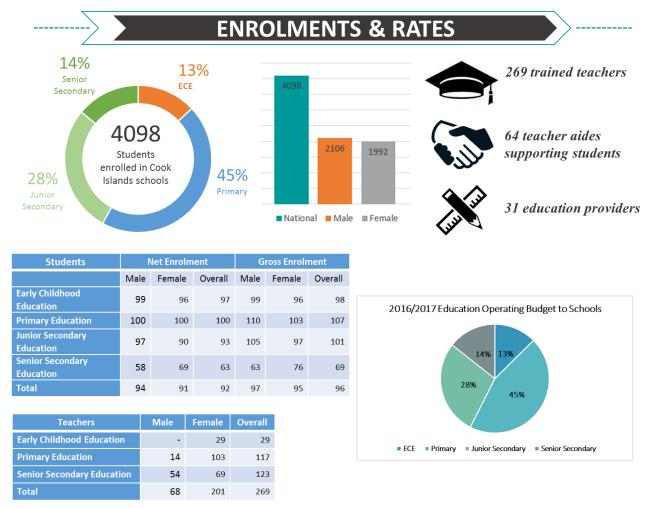
## **LEARNING FOR LIFE**



1838 students attend primary school, 52% are male and 48% are female.
117 primary teachers.
1 teacher for 16 students.
45% of the operating budget to schools is allocated to primary education.



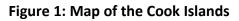
1744 students attend secondary school, with a 50% split between male and female students.
123 secondary teachers.
1 teacher for 14 students.
66% of students are in junior secondary.
34% of students make up senior secondary.
14% of the operating budget to schools is allocated to senior secondary secondary education.

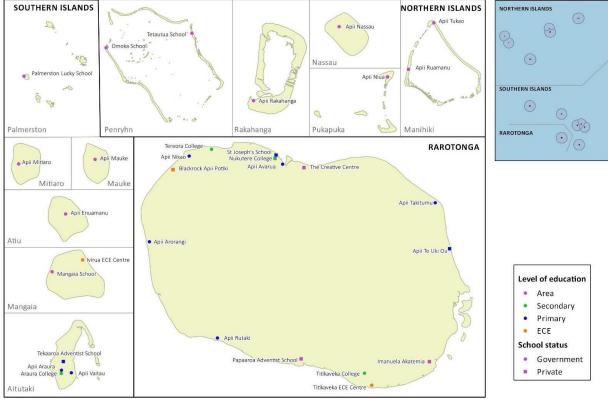


Source: Cook Islands Ministry of Education EMIS, 2017 www.education.gov.ck

## Schools in the Cook Islands

Education in the Cook Islands is mainly provided by government institutions. There are 31 providers including 1 standalone ECE Centre, 11 Primary Schools (10 of which have ECE Centres attached), 4 Secondary Schools, 14 Area Schools<sup>1</sup> (all with ECE Centres) and a Tertiary Institute.





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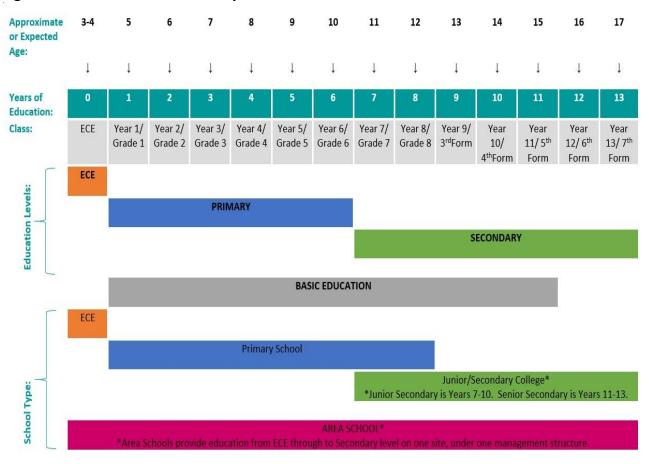
In the Cook Islands Maori language, the word *Apii* means School. Other useful terms relating to education include;

- Akakoukouanaga summary
- Akakoroanga aim
- Akameitakianga acknowledgement
- Apii to teach, learn, practice
- Apii Potiki Early Childhood/ Pre-school
- Kura Apii Curriculum
- Pa Enua Outer Islands
- Pa Enua Tokerau Northern Group Islands
- Pa Enua Tonga Southern Group Islands
- Pu'apii Teacher

- Paunuanga evaluation
- Revera levels
- Tamariki children
- Tamanakoanga suggestions
- Tamou to learn
- Tauira Student, Pupil
- Tuatua Talk, say, speak, converse
- Vaitoanga Kite assessment

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> An Area School is a school that provides education from Early Childhood through to secondary level on one site and under one management structure.

## **Cook Islands Education System**



#### Figure 2: Cook Islands Education System

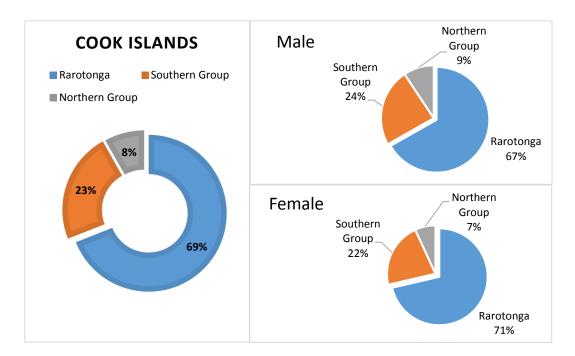
All 8 private schools, made up of 5 Church and 3 Independent schools, receive 100% of the equivalent allocation to government schools from the national education budget, for teachers and operational budget, based on their enrolment. All Government and Private Schools are required to be open to both educational review and financial audit.

Governance of Public Schools sits with the Ministry of Education. However, each school has its own stakeholder committee, the School Committee, which makes decisions on individual school policy, strategic plans and annual goals. Governance of Private Schools sits with a School Board.

The Cook Islands Tertiary Training Institute (CITTI), established in 2013 provides full and part time vocational programmes and a wide range of community education courses in Rarotonga and the Pa Enua.

## Early Childhood Education

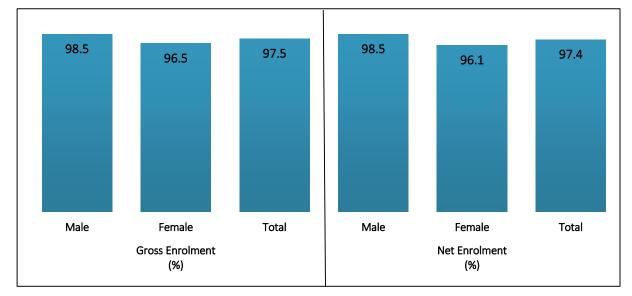
Figure 3: Early Childhood Education Students by Region – 2017



Quality **Early Childhood Education** (ECE) continues as a priority for the Ministry and features as a significant part of the Education Master Plan (2008 - 2023), the Ministry's strategic direction.

All Centre's follow a Play Based curriculum that encourages learning through play. This curriculum focuses on identity, inquiry and involvement. The skills this curriculum develops in the very young establish a base for positive educational outcomes in formal schooling. Parents and the community have an important role to play in this development and the Ministry supports parents in this role.

The following figures shows the gross enrolment rate (GER) and the net enrolment rate (NER) of ECE for 2017. GER shows the general level of participation in ECE. NER shows the extent of enrolment of children aged 3 and 4 years in ECE.





While providing 2 years of pre-primary education, the Cook Islands continue to experience high enrolment rates not by making it compulsory but by working with parents and communities so they see the value in their child's participation in ECE.

The following tables and charts show the total enrolment and breakdown by region, provider type and gender for the year 2017 and the past five years also by gender and region.

The table below provides information on GER, NER and Gender Parity Index (GPI). GPI measures progress towards gender parity in education participation and learning opportunities available to girls in relation to those available to boys.

A GPI equal to 1 indicates disparity between girls and boys in ECE. In general, a value less than 1 indicates disparity in favour of boys and a value greater than 1 indicates disparity in favour of girls.

Table 1: Number of Early Childhood Education Students by Region, Provider Type and Gender -2017

Region and Status	Total	Male	Female
RAROTONGA	356	179	177
Government	222	111	111
Private	134	68	66
SOUTHERN GROUP	118	64	54
Government	91	55	36
Private	27	9	18
NORTHERN GROUP	42	25	17
Government	42	25	17
Private	-	-	-
COOK ISLANDS	516	268	248

#### Table 2: Student Enrolment Rates in ECE by Gender for Years 2013 - 2017

Year		GER		GPI	NER			GPI
Tear	Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total	
2012	81	82	82	1.01	81	82	82	1.01
2013	89	86	87	0.96	84	79	81	0.95
2014	75	81	78	1.08	74	80	77	1.08
2015	84	98	91	1.16	84	97	91	1.16
2016	96	102	99	1.06	94	100	97	1.07
2017	99	96	98	0.98	99	96	97	0.98

Most ECE students are enrolled in Government Schools (68.8%) compared to enrolment in Private schools (31.2%). National ECE enrolment by gender is comparatively equal.

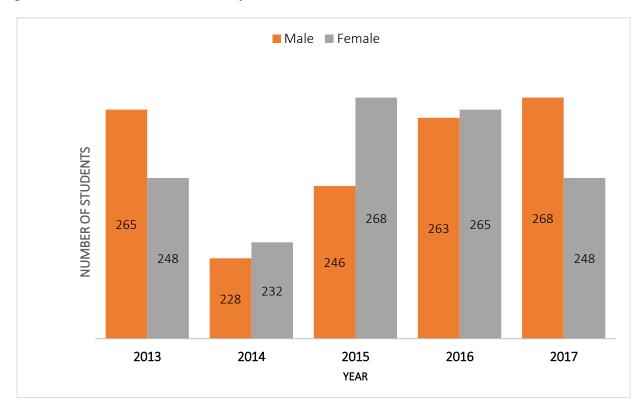


Figure 5: Number of ECE Students by Gender for Years 2013 - 2017

The table below reflects the population density of the Cook Islands, with Rarotonga being the most populated compared to the Southern and Northern Group islands. ECE specific media campaigns across all regions continue to promote attendance and enrolment in ECE.

Region	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Rarotonga	306	263	330	348	356
Southern Group	138	131	127	122	118
Northern Group	69	66	57	58	42
National	513	460	514	528	516

Table 3: Number of ECE Students by Region for Years 2013 – 2017

The Ministry continues to focus on developing quality teaching practices and professionalising the ECE workforce. Tertiary level qualifications are financially supported in ECE specific studies for teachers and the ECE teacher cohort continues to be actively involved in professional development and qualification upgrade Significant resourcing budget, specific to the requirements of ECE needs, with a focus on personnel and resources remains for all centres and schools.

The following tables show the number of ECE teachers by region over the past five years, and the student teacher ratios.

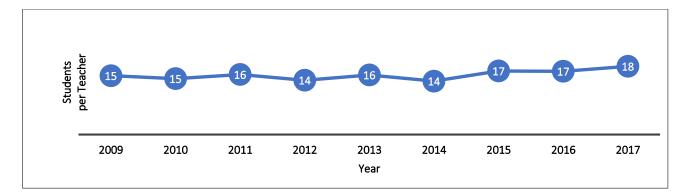
Region	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Rarotonga	21	20	19	19	16
Southern Group	8	8	6	8	6
Northern Group	4	5	6	5	7
National	33	33	31	32	29

Table 4: Number of ECE Teachers by Region for Years 2013 - 2017

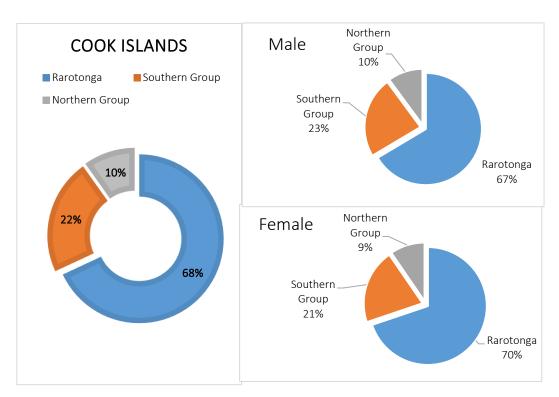
#### Table 5: ECE Student : Teacher Ratio 2013 – 2017

Region	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Rarotonga	15:1	13:1	17:1	18:1	22:1
Southern Group	17:1	16:1	21:1	15:1	20:1
Northern Group	17:1	13:1	10:1	12:1	6:1
National	16:1	14:1	17:1	17:1	18:1

Figure 6: National ECE Student : Teacher Ratio for Years 2009 - 2017



## **Primary Education**

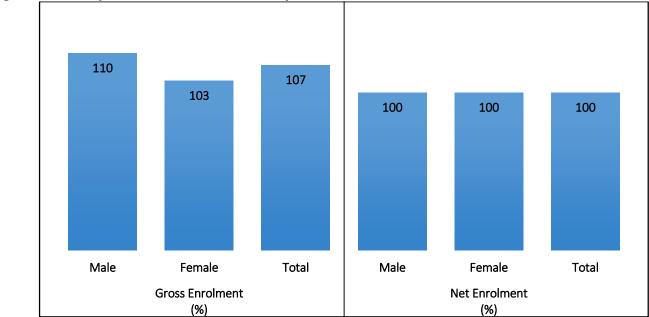


#### Figure 7: Primary Education Students by Region – 2017

The current priorities for the Ministry in supporting sustained progress in **Primary Education** include:

- a) The production of more resources for Cook Islands Moari learning programmes and subject specific resources. E-books are now available for emergent readers in Cook Islands Maori.
- b) Literacy and Numeracy programmes and specific professional development to utilize data and embed strategies. The Books in Homes programme and a mobile library on Rarotonga continue to support literacy development for schools and the community.
- c) Continuation of the Pacific Literacy and School Leadership Programme in Years 1 3 with a focus on the development of writing skills in young learners and planned learning progression.

The following tables and charts provide a range of information on primary school enrolment dissagregated by region, gender and provider type.



#### Figure 8: Primary Education Student Rates by Gender-2017

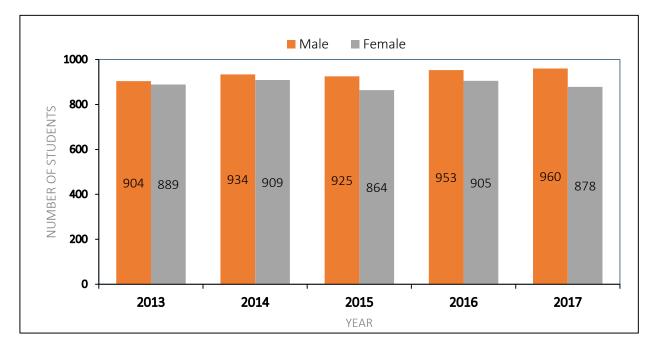
Ve	ear	Gro	ss Enrolment	(%)	GPI	Ne	t Enrolment (	%)	GPI
		Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total	
20	)12	110	105	108	0.96	100	100	100	1.00
20	)13	104	102	103	0.98	99	95	97	0.96
20	)14	108	104	106	0.97	100	97	99	0.97
20	)15	106	99	103	0.94	100	96	99	0.96
20	)16	108	105	106	0.97	100	100	100	1.00
20	)17	110	103	107	0.94	100	100	100	1.00

Table 6: Enrolment Rates in Primary Education by Gender for Years 2013 – 2017

Table 7: Primary Education Students by Region, Provider Type and Gender – 2017

Region and Status	Total	Male	Female
RAROTONGA	1,251	638	613
Government	841	428	413
Private	410	210	200
SOUTHERN GROUP	406	225	181
Government	351	195	156
Private	55	30	25
NORTHERN GROUP	181	97	84
Government	181	97	84
Private	-	-	-
COOK ISLANDS	1,838	960	878

Figure 9: Number of Primary Education Students by Gender for Years 2013-2017



Region	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		
Rarotonga	1,188	1,240	1,199	1,270	1,251		
Southern Group	434	434	422	429	406		
Northern Group	171	169	168	159	181		
National	1,793	1,843	1,789	1,858	1,838		

Table 8: Number of Primary Education Students by Region for Years 2013 – 2017

#### Table 9 : Number of Primary Education Teachers by Region and Gender – 2017

Region	Female	Male	Total
Rarotonga	70	10	80
Southern Group	18	2	20
Northern Group	15	2	17
National	103	14	117

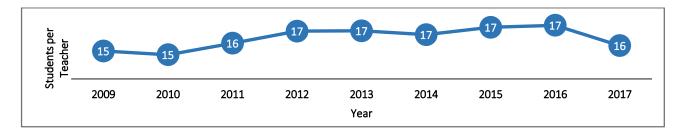
#### Table 10: Number of Primary Education Teachers by Region for Years 2013 – 2017

Region	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Rarotonga	67	71	66	67	80
Southern Group	27	27	25	26	20
Northern Group	12	13	13	14	17
National	106	111	104	107	117

#### Table 11: Primary Education Student : Teacher Ratio for Years 2013 – 2017

Region	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017				
Rarotonga	18:1	17:1	18:1	19:1	16:1				
Southern Group	16:1	16:1	17:1	17:1	20:1				
Northern Group	14:1	13:1	13:1	11:1	11:1				
National	17	17	17	17	16				

#### Figure 10: National Primary Education Student : Teacher Ratio for Years 2009 – 2017



#### Primary Education – Numeracy and Literacy

Improved numeracy and literacy outcomes for all learners are key goals for the Ministry of Education and relate to many targets of the Education Master Plan Learning for Life (2008 - 2023). The Ministry of Education is ensuring that both financial and professional support are provided to achieve these goals. Student outcomes are tracked against medium and long term targets.

Increased primary school achievement in Maori Literacy is being maintained. Primary school literacy and numeracy results also demonstrate the effectiveness of targeted professional development programmes.

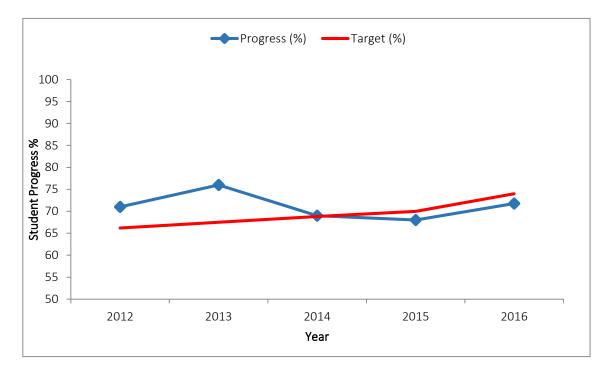
#### **Numeracy**

The 2016 National Year 3 numeracy of 74% was not achieved, however, the 72% success rate indicates an increase of 4% in students' achievement from the previous year. National achievement for girls (81%) is 16% more compared to boys (65%).

Table 12: Year 3 National Numeracy Achievement Rate (%) k	by Region and Gender – 2016
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Region	Male	Female	Total
National	65	81	72
Rarotonga	64	85	73
Southern Group	68	70	69
Northern Group	64	77	71

#### Figure 11: National Year 3 Numeracy Progress against the annual targets for Years 2012 - 2016



NATIONAL RAROTONGA SOUTHERN GROUP NORTHERN GROUP **XEAR** 2014 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PROGRESS (%)

Table 13: Year 3 Numeracy Achievement Rate (%) by Region for Years 2012 - 2016

The low student cohorts in the Northern Group region affects the outcome of student achievement as shown in the vast differences from 50% to 95% during the past 5 years.

#### **Literacy**

 Table 14: Year 4 Maori Literacy Student Achievement (%) by Region and Gender - 2016

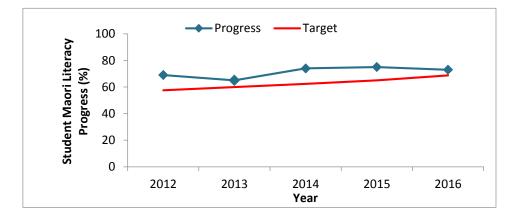
Region	Male	Female	Total
National	71	76	73
Rarotonga	70	79	75
Southern Group	71	61	67
Northern Group	75	82	79

#### Table 15: Year 4 English Literacy Student Achievement (%) by Region and Gender - 2016

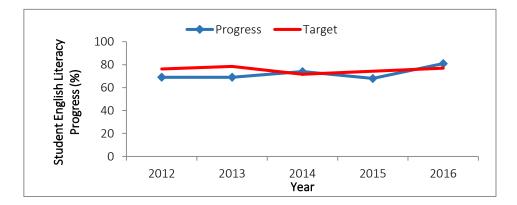
Region	Male	Male Female To	
National	79	82	81
Rarotonga	82	85	84
Southern Group	69	66	67
Northern Group	100	100	100

The figures below show the overall Year 4 students literacy progress against annual targets for both Cook Islands Maori and English.

#### Figure 12: National Year 4 Maori Literacy Achievement Progress (%) for Years 2012 - 2016



#### Figure 13: National Year 4 English Literacy Achievement Progress (%) for Years 2012 - 2016



The figures below show the summary of the Year 4 Literacy Achievement from 2012 to 2016 nationally and by region, for both Cook Islands Maori and English.

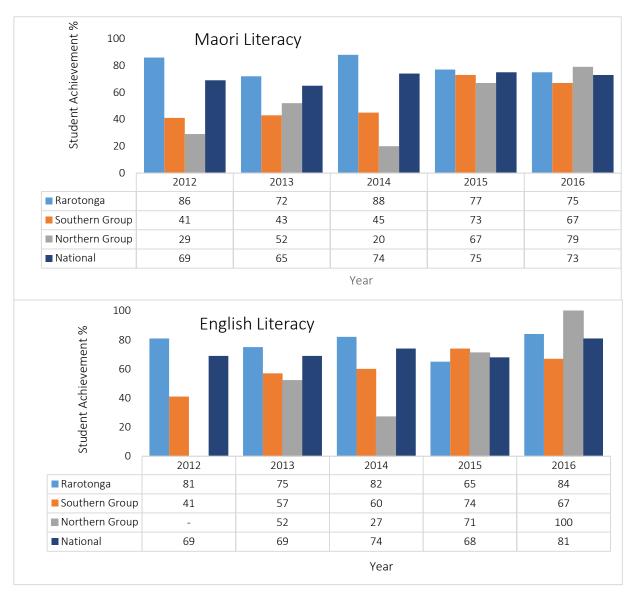
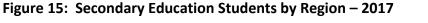


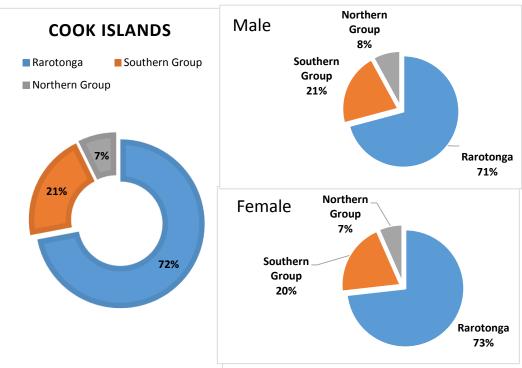
Figure 14: Year 4 student Literacy Achievement by Region (%) Years 2012 – 2016

The Ministry have always known that the change in emphasis from English to Maori by our primary schools at Years 1-3 would impact on Year 4 English results. The results are starting to suggest adjustment to this change and considerable progress towards learners being at expected levels by end of Year 8.

Note: Number of students at individual levels in the Northern Pa Enua are often very small and longitudinal data should not be used for trend purposes.

## Secondary Education





Young Cook Islanders need to have the opportunity to gain the knowledge, skills and qualifications that will equip them for the career and lifestyle of their choice.

This support includes:

- a. Life Skills Programmes These courses provide Cook Island secondary students attending Pa Enua schools with the opportunity to integrate modern and traditional skills and values to equip them for a sustainable lifestyle. Courses delivered meet the life skills needs of the students, the island and its community, and utilize community expertise in the delivery of the course. There have been a number of courses delivered ranging from traditional art and craft, motor mechanics and cooking.
- b. Alternative Pathways Pathways are offered by way of academies that provide senior students with a specialist learning programme and industry based work experiences which lead to New Zealand recognized vocational qualifications of which is also accredited towards student's level 2 and level 3 NCEA results. Current academies include; Building and Construction; Trades; Hospitality; Business; and Horticulture.
- c. Focus in teacher professional development on assessment to provide a range of ways in which students can provide evidence of learning.
- d. Te Kura Uira: Online learning for the Cook Islands The online school providing education to year 9 and 10 students in isolated areas, has been consolidated. The physical shift of Te Kura Uira from the Ministry to a school (Titikaveka College) places it in the context of a school and is helping ensure its sustainability as staffing is shared between Titikaveka College and Te Kura programmes. In 2017, there are Te Kura Uira cohorts in Penrhyn, Manihiki and Mitiaro.
- e. Utilizing ICT to provide TVET at Senior Secondary in the Pa Enua.
- f. Individual learning programmes that meet student's individual needs.
- g. Precise and regular monitoring of academic results and feed forward to students on the next steps in their learning.

Figure 16: Secondary Education Student Enrolment Rates – 2017

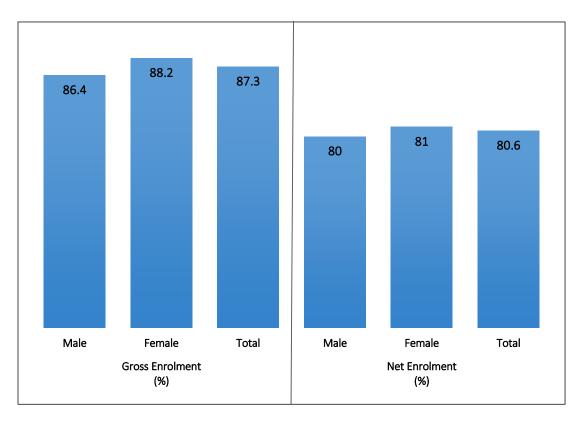


Table 16: Junior Secondary Education Enrolment Rates by Gender for Years 2013 – 2017

Year		GER			NER			GPI
Tear	Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total	
2013	119	104	112	0.9	81	87	84	1.08
2014	90	104	97	1.1	80	81	81	1.02
2015	95	97	96	1.0	90	91	90	1.02
2016	97	94	95	1.0	90	88	89	0.97
2017	105	97	101	0.9	97	90	93	0.92

Table 17: Senior Secondary Education Enrolment Rates by Gender for Years 2013 – 2017

Year		GER		GPI	NER			GPI
Tear	Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total	
2012	66	88	76	1.3	45	65	54	1.46
2013	129	141	135	1.1	60	75	67	1.24
2014	63	82	72	1.3	59	74	66	1.26
2015	67	80	73	1.2	62	77	69	1.25
2016	62	77	69	1.2	56	69	62	1.23
2017	63	76	69	1.2	58	69	63	1.18

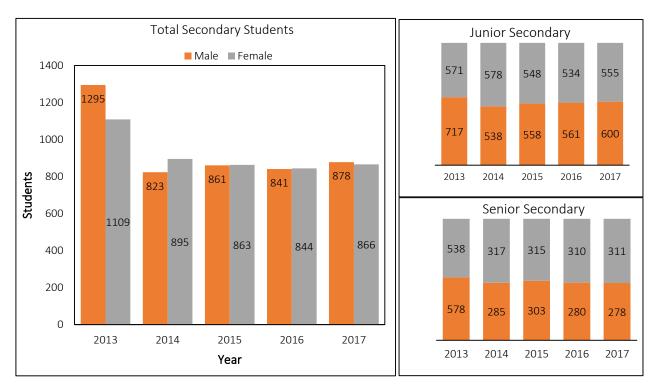
#### Table 18: Total Secondary Education Enrolment Rates by Gender for Years 2013 – 2017

Year	GER		GPI		NER		GPI	
. cu	Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total	
2012	87	97	91	1.12	75	82	78	1.10
2013	123	119	121	0.97	72	82	77	1.14
2014	79	95	86	1.20	71	78	74	1.11
2015	83	90	86	1.09	77	85	81	1.10
2016	82	87	84	1.06	75	80	78	1.06
2017	86	88	87	1.02	80	81	81	1.01

Table 19: Number of Secondary Education Students by Region, Status and Gender – 2017

Region and Status	Total	Male	Female
RAROTONGA	1256	622	634
Government	979	496	483
Private	277	126	151
SOUTHERN GROUP	361	186	175
Government	361	186	175
Private	-	-	-
NORTHERN GROUP	127	70	57
Government	127	70	57
Private	-	-	-
COOK ISLANDS	1744	878	866

Figure 17: Number of Secondary Education Students by Gender for Years 2013-2017

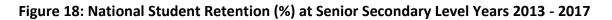


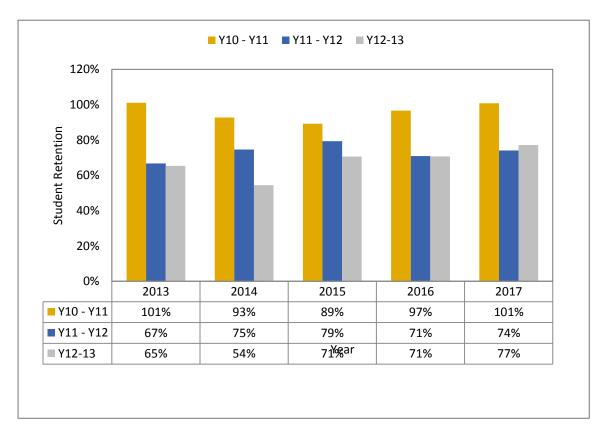
Region	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Rarotonga	1,205	1,190	1,182	1,201	1,256
Southern Group	384	374	391	344	361
Northern Group	157	154	151	140	127
National	1,746	1,718	1,724	1,685	1,744

Table 20: Number of Secondary Education Students by Region for Years 2013 – 2017

#### **Senior Secondary Retention**

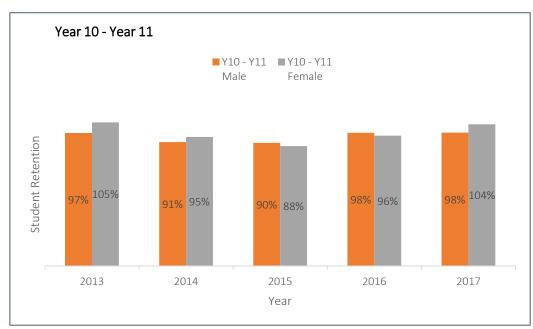
Providing secondary education that engages young people and retains them in schooling is a focus for the Ministry. The below charts shows retention rates at senior secondary levels from Year 10 to Year 13, and disaggregated by gender.



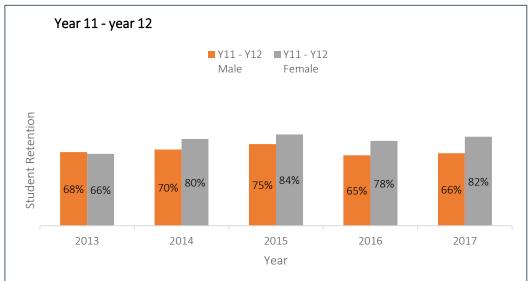


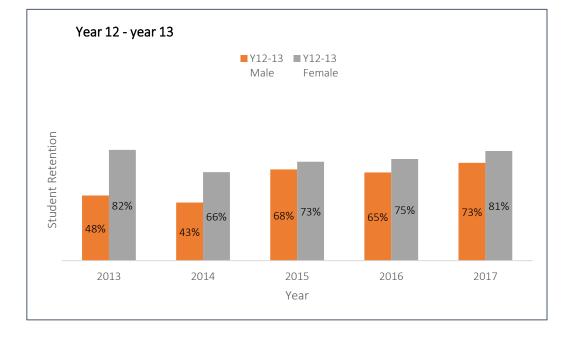
As a result of schools strengthening their pastoral care systems and broadening scope of programmes available, the rate of early leaving exemptions for 15 year olds is low. Because this rate is low we do not officially report data on this. The monitoring of retention rates for senior secondary is showing there is a higher proportion of students who are staying in school longer.

The Education Act 2012 increased the minimum leaving age from 15 to 16 years which has had an impact on retention rates particularly from Year 11 to Year 12. The change towards 100% retention from Year 10 – 11 suggests that students are now moving through secondary school with their appropriate age cohort. In Years 12 - 13 there is a higher proportion of girls choosing to stay in school longer than boys.



## Figure 19: National Student Retention (%) at Senior Secondary Level by Gender Years 2013 - 2017





Region	Female	Male	Total			
Rarotonga	42	43	85			
Southern Group	23	9	32			
Northern Group	4	2	6			
National	69	54	123			

#### Table 21: Number of Secondary Education Teachers by Region and Gender – 2017

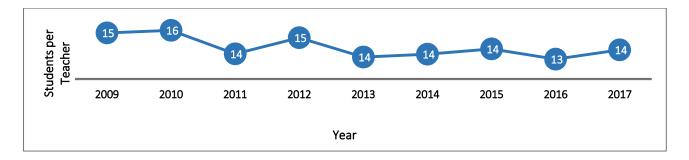
### Table 22: Number of Secondary Education Teachers by Region for Years 2013 – 2017

Region	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Rarotonga	82	78	78	81	85
Southern Group	36	36	34	35	32
Northern Group	10	10	9	9	6
National	128	124	121	125	123

#### Table 23: Secondary Education Student : Teacher Ratio 2013 – 2017

Region	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Rarotonga	15:1	15:1	15:1	15:1	15:1
Southern Group	11:1	10:1	12:1	10:1	11:1
Northern Group	16:1	15:1	17:1	16:1	21:1
National	14:1	14:1	14:1	13:1	14:1

## Figure 20: National Secondary Education Student : Teacher Ratio for Years 2009 – 2017



### National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA)

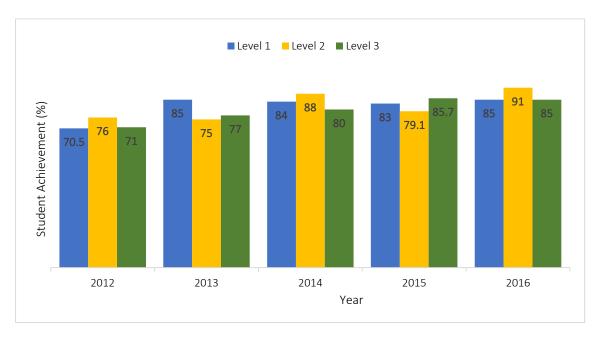
The Cook Islands uses the New Zealand Qualification Authority NCEA as its national qualification. NCEA is a standards based qualification where students gain credits by providing evidence against particular performance criteria. This evidence can be provided through external examination and/or work completed internally over the school year. Achievement may be awarded with merit or excellence for exceptional performance either in the overall qualification or individual subject areas.

This qualification has three levels of attainment which align to the final three years of secondary schooling.

#### National Certificate of Educational Achievement by Participation

Figures 21-25 are the NCEA results based on the year level cohort. Many students now progress through the final years of secondary education taking programmes at multiple levels. They may achieve the qualification in a year that does not correlate to their cohort year at school.

NCEA results by Participation show only those students undertaking a programme of study that contains enough credits to be eligible for the award of the qualification are considered.



#### Figure 21: NCEA Level 1 to Level 3 National Results by Participation Years 2012 – 2016

#### National Certificate of Educational Achievement by Enrolment

In the Cook Islands, we focus on the results 'by enrolment' as it is a measure of the system as a whole and counts every child.

NCEA by enrolment figures are based on cohort tracking. For Level 1 therefore, the figures report the percentage of Year 11 students achieving Level 1; Level 2 responds to a Year 12 cohort; and Level 3 a Year 13 cohort. It is recognized however that students participate in NCEA at different levels. The cohort tracking is a measure of the efficiency of the system and does not show all assessment results which would in fact increase each of these outcomes.

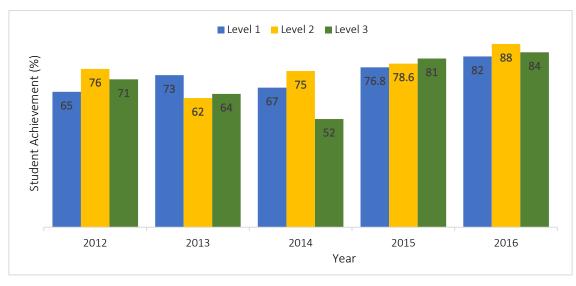
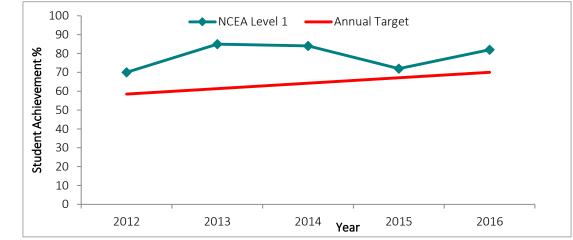


Figure 22: NCEA Level 1 to Level 3 National Results by Enrolment Years 2012 - 2016

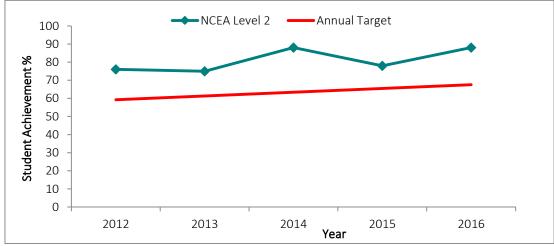
#### Senior Secondary Student Achievement Progress

Annual targets are set based on 2008 baselines and results are tracked to ensure that suitable progress is being made. The Education Master Plan (2008-2023) sets a 2023 target of 75% for Level 1 achievement. At the times this was set the expectation of the New Zealand Qualifications Authority was that 70% of all students should be able to achieve the Level 1 qualification.









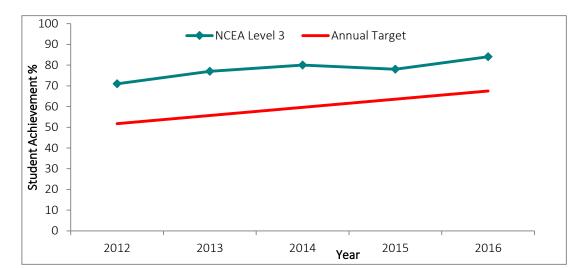
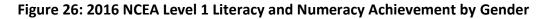


Figure 25: NCEA Level 3 Achievement Progress Years 2012 - 2016

#### **Secondary Literacy and Numeracy**



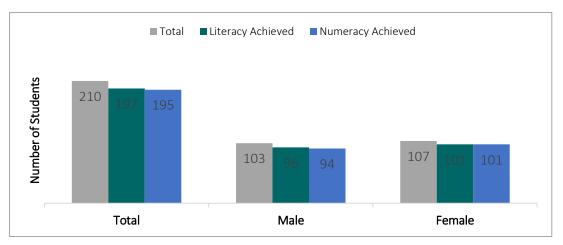
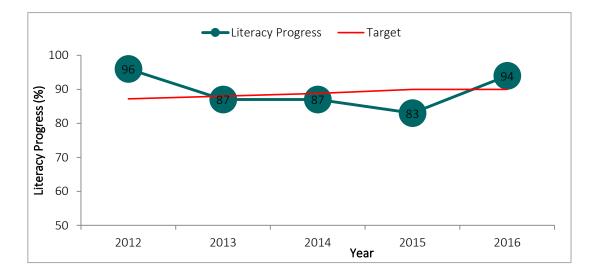


Figure 27: NCEA Level 1 Literacy Progress against the Annual Targets Years 2012 - 2016



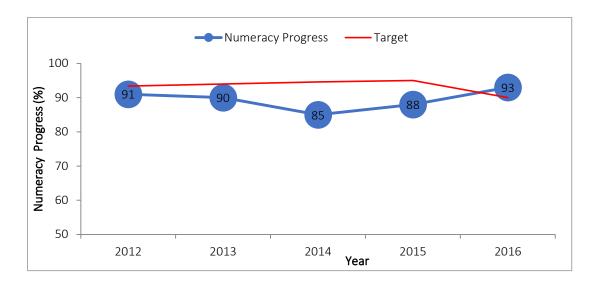


Figure 28: NCEA Level 1 Numeracy Progress against the Annual Targets Years 2012 - 2016

Note: Change in target at 2016 represents the 2016-2020 Ministry Statement of Intent (SoI) and targets. The target was adjusted at the start of the new SoI taking into account rolling averages on the previous three years. The Education Master Plan 2023 target remains unchanged.

#### **National Certificate of Educational Achievement Endorsements**

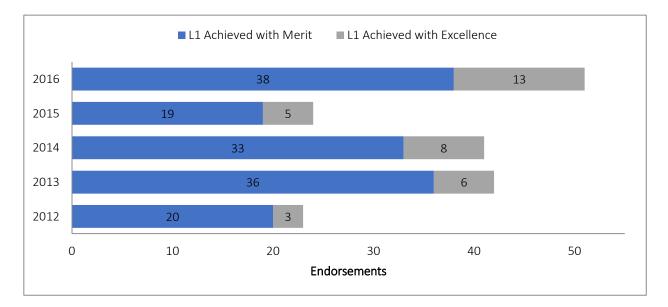
#### **NCEA Certificate Endorsements**

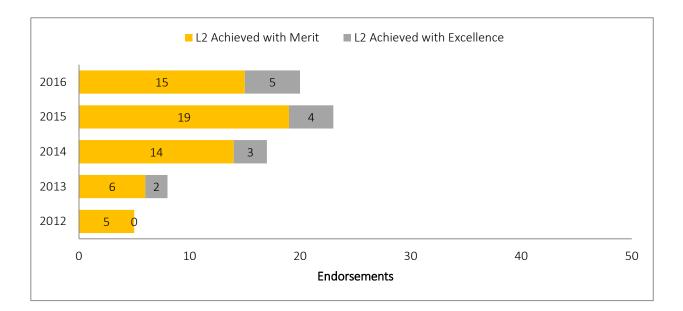
An individual course may also be endorsed with merit or excellence. To gain this endorsement, the student must gain at least 14 credits in a subject at excellence or merit level. The majority of subjects have a requirement of minimum internally assessed and externally assessed credits within that 14. To be eligible for endorsement, a student must be enrolled in at least 14 credits in an individual subject area. The following graphs and tables show the percentage of course endorsements gained from the total number of eligible courses, for example, a student taking an 18 credit course in Science, a 20 credit course in Mathematics and a 10 credit course in Social Science, would only be eligible for course endorsement in two subjects - Science and Mathematics.

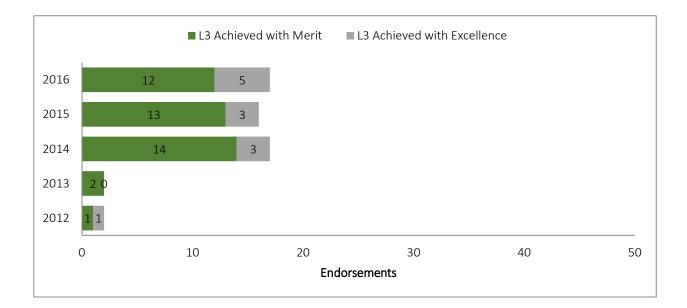
Table 24 : Number of NCEA Level 1 to Level 3 Merit and Excellence Endorsements Years 2012 –
2016

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Merit					
Level 1	12	36	33	19	38
Level 2	5	6	14	19	15
Level 3	1	2	14	13	12
Excellence					
Level 1	2	6	8	5	13
Level 2	0	2	3	4	5
Level 3	1	-	3	3	5

Figure 29: Number of National Certificate of Education Achievement Level 1 to Level 3 Student Results Endorsed with Merit or Excellence years 2012 – 2016



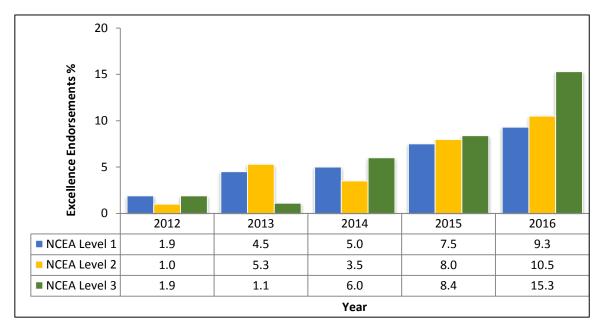




#### **NCEA Course Endorsements**

The NCEA Certificate may be endorsed with merit or excellence at each level. For excellence endorsement, at least 50 credits achieved at that level must have been achieved with excellence. For merit endorsement, at least 50 credits achieved at that level must have been achieved with merit or excellence.

The below charts illustrate the increasing number of merit and excellence endorsement across all three levels.



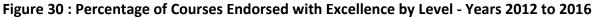
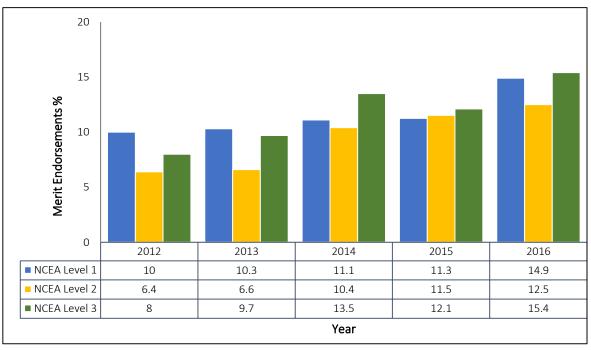


Figure 31: Percentage of Courses Endorsed with Merit by Level – Years 2012 to 2016



## **Inclusive Education**

Wide community support and understanding of **Inclusive Education** is a key goal for the Ministry of Education and the Education Master Plan Learning for Life (2008-2023).

The Ministry and schools are very much reaping the benefit of the additional funding made available for Inclusive Education and the recruitment of a second IE Advisor. There is no debate about our Inclusive Approach and parents of children with different needs are now far more active in seeking advice and support. Networks in the community to support IE approaches in schools are strengthening.

The tables below shows the breakdown of teacher aide support for students in Cook Islands schools . School Support teacher aides provide resource support for learning programmes across all levels. Student Support teacher aides provide one on one support for students with individual education plans.

	Region	Male	Female	Total
Student Support	Total	3	38	41
	Rarotonga	1	20	
	Southern Group	-	16	
	Northern Group	2	2	
School Support	Total	1	22	23
	Rarotonga	1	14	
	Southern Group	-	6	
	Northern Group	-	2	
Total		4	60	64

#### Table 24: 2017 Inclusive Education Teacher Aides by Gender and Region

## **Scholarships**

The previous New Zealand and Cook Islands Government Scholarship Programmes were reviewed in 2016. The new **Te Reinga Akataunga'anga** provides scholarship and study support options for both domestic and international studies.

All scholarships are now managed through the Cook Islands Ministry of Education and has allowed many more Cook Islanders access to initial tertiary studies.

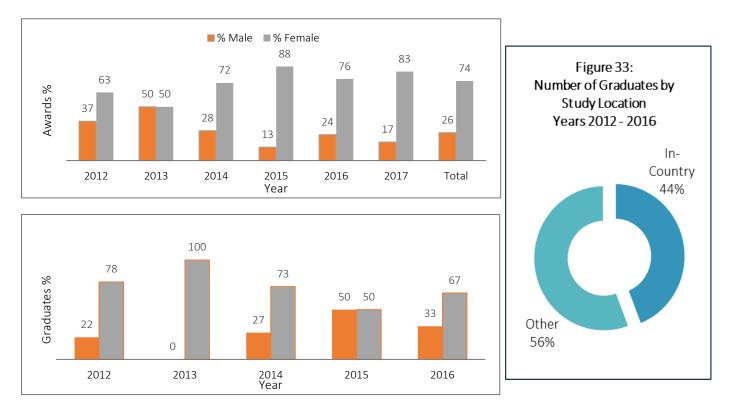
Programme	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Masters Degree	-	1	16	-	1	18
Post Graduate Diploma	12	-	1	-	-	13
Bachelors Degree	7	8	10	7	7	39
Diploma	1	-	3	-	1	5
Certificate	1	-	-	-	-	1
Chartered Accountant	-	-	1	-	-	1
Total	21	9	31	7	9	77

#### Table 25: Number of Graduates by Programme Years 2012 - 2016

The 2012 – 2016 Award and Graduate figures show that there are more females receiving scholarships which eventually lead to more females graduating each year.

Table 30 shows that since 2012, nearly 60% of the scholarship recipients who graduated received a Bachelors or Masters degree.





## **Tertiary Education**

The Cook Islands Tertiary Training Institute (CITTI), established in July 2013 provides quality vocational training in the Cook Islands.

The goals of lifting the skills level of the population through expanding post-school training options, increasing the range of qualifications on offer, and connecting training more directly to the needs of local industry remains the institutes main focus. More recently the focus has been on:

- Partnerships with international providers offering a full range of courses for Cook Islands learners.
- Expanding and further developing the apprenticeship programme.
- Developing and growing the partnerships with schools Building & Construction and Trades Academies are now being delivered with students in secondary school..
- Growing the delivery of tertiary training in the Pa Enua Vocational programmes are also growing in the Pa Enua where efficiencies have been gained through the use of online tutorials and the combinations of school and community classes.



#### Figure 34: National Tertiary Enrolments - FTE Students Years 2013 for 2016

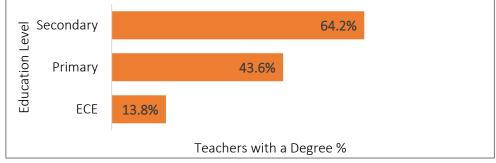
## **Teacher Qualifications**

The Ministry of Education continues its partnership with the University of the South Pacific (USP), encouraging teachers to upgrade their qualifications. Teachers are currently enrolled in the following programmes;

- a) Diploma in ECE
- b) Bachelor of Education (ECE and Primary)
- c) Post Graduate Certificate in Education (Teaching)
- d) Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Leadership
- e) Master of Education (by research)

Courses are delivered through mixed modalities including DFL semester courses, online courses, summer and winter schools, and face to face intensives with ongoing semester support. The graph below indicates the number of teachers with specific teaching qualifications. The small number without a Teaching Certificate reflects previous requirements of subject specific qualifications only at senior secondary specialist level. A teaching qualification is now also a requirement.

#### Figure 35: 2017 Teachers with a Degree by Education Level



#### Figure 36: 2017 Teachers with a Teaching Certificate Education Level

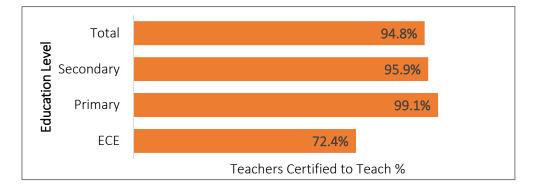
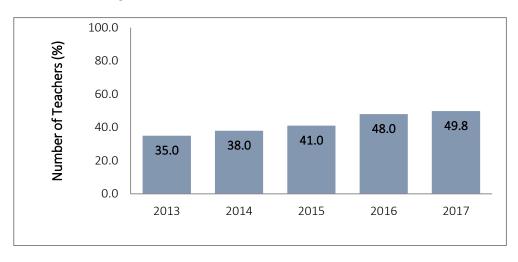
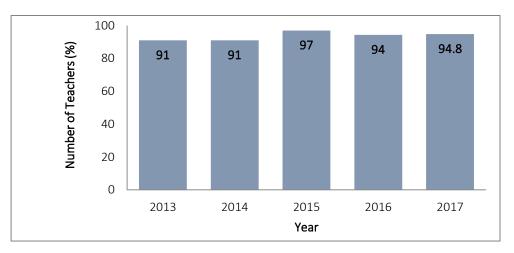


Figure 37: Teachers with a Degree (%) for Years 2013 - 2017

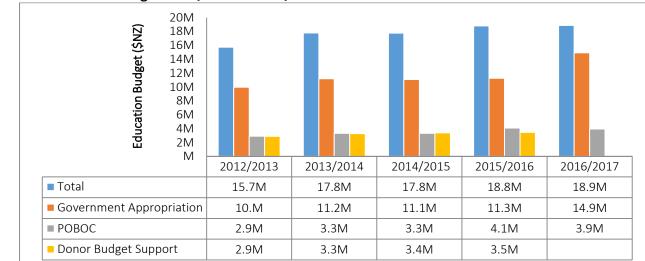






## **Ministry of Education Budget**

The Ministry of Education's annual planning responds to the Annual Budget Policy Statement from government and aligns with the goals of the Education Master Plan, Statement of Intent and other mandates. An Annual Education Business Plan and Budget is developed for consideration by the government appointed Budget Support Group and central agencies. When preparing its submission, the Ministry considers the national priorities and how these can be supported through the education sector.



#### Figure 39 : Education Budget 2012/2013 – 2016/2017

#### Table 26: 2016/2017 Education Budget by Output

Output	Gross (\$NZ)
Taku Ipukarea Kia Rangatira	1,080,556
Learning and Teaching	1,203,645
Learning and the Community	1,113,864
Infrastructure and Support	11,526,875
Total	14,924,940

#### Source: Cook Islands Government Budget Estimates 2016/2017

#### Table 27: Education Budget as percentage of Nominal GDP

Year	2012/2013	2013/2014	2015/2016	2016/2017	
Government Appropriation to Ministry of Education	\$ 12,847,333	\$ 14,497,982	\$ 14,380,737	\$ 18,432,237	18,857,622.00
Nominal GDP	\$ 393,200,000	\$ 429,722,000	\$ 395,745,000	\$ 418,364,000	427,310,000
%	3.27	3.37	3.63	4.41	4.41

## Table 28: 2016/2017 Education POBOC, Capital Expenditure & Donor Budget Support

Education POBOC	\$	22 602
Subsidies	3,9	32,682
- University of the South Pacific	\$	285,000
Social Assistance		
- Government Funded Scholarships	\$	740,800
- Private School Funding	\$	2,147,027
- Cook Islands Trade Training Centre and the Hospitality Training Centre	\$	759,855
Education Capital Expenditure	\$	448,000

Source: Cook Islands Government Budget Estimates 2016/2017

## Appendices

## APPENDIX 1: SCHOOLS IN THE COOK ISLANDS BY REGION, ISLAND, STATUS AND LEVEL

REGION	ISLAND	SCHOOL STATUS	EDUCATION LEVELS
Rarotonga	Rarotonga	Government:	
		- Apii Arorang	ECE – Year 8
		- Apii Avarua	ECE – Year 8
		- Apii Nikao	ECE – Year 8
		- Apii Rutaki	ECE – Year 6
		- Apii Takitumu	ECE – Year 6
		- Tereora College	Year 9 – Year 13
		- Titikaveka College	Year 7 – Year 11
		<ul> <li>Cook Islands Tertiary Institute</li> </ul>	Adult Education
		Private – Church:	
		- Imanuela Akatemia	ECE – Year 13
		<ul> <li>St Joseph's School</li> </ul>	ECE – Year 6
		- Nukutere College	Year 7 – Year 11
		- Papaaroa Adventist School	ECE – Year 10
		Private – Independent:	
		- Blackrock Apii Potiki	ECE
		- Apii Te Uki Ou	ECE – Year 8
		- The Creative Centre	Adult Inclusive Education
Southern	Aitutaki	Government:	
Group		- Apii Araura	ECE – Year 6
		- Apii Vaitau	ECE – Year 6
		- Araura College	Year 7 – Year 13
		Private – Church:	
		- Tekaaroa Adventist School	ECE – Year 6
	Mitiaro	Government:	
		- Apii Mitiaro	ECE – Year 11
	Atiu	Government:	
		- Apii Enuamanu	ECE – Year 13
	Mauke	Government:	
		- Apii Mauke	ECE – Year 11
	Mangaia	Government:	
		- Mangaia School	ECE – Year 13
		(ECE satellite units at lvirua)	
Northern	Manihiki	Government:	
Group		- Apii Ruamanu	ECE – Year 11
•		- Apii Tukao	ECE – Year 11
	Penrhyn	Government:	
	i chingh	- Omoka School	ECE - Year 10
		- Tetautua School	ECE – Year 8
	Rakahanga	Government:	
	Nakananga	- Apii Rakahanga	ECE – Year 11
	Dukanuka		
	Pukapuka	Government:	ECE – Year 11
	Naccau	- Apii Niua	
	Nassau	Government:	
	Deleser	- Apii Nassau	ECE – Year 11
	Palmerston	Government:	
		- Palmerston Lucky School	ECE – Year 11
		(Island Administration)	

#### APPENDIX 2: 2017 ENROLMENT BY REGION, SCHOOL AND LEVEL

REGION	ECE	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Primary	Secondary	Total
RAROTONGA	356	159	222	218	229	220	203	218	198	188	184	194	155	119	1,251	1,256	2,863
Apii Te Uki Ou	20	11	25	24	23	35	18	31	15	-	-	-	-	-	136	46	202
Apii Arorangi	33	18	21	25	19	13	19	25	24	-	-	-	-	-	115	49	197
Apii Avarua	74	40	51	54	64	58	50	62	51	-	-	-	-	-	317	113	504
Apii Nikao	39	23	34	32	36	41	43	32	34	-	-	-	-	-	209	66	314
Blackrock Apii Potiki	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
Imanuela Akatemia	12	6	9	13	6	7	3	5	6	4	6	1	3	4	44	29	85
Nukutere College	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	41	25	33	31	-	-	-	170	170
Papaaroa Adventist School.	14	10	16	6	13	8	6	7	13	4	8	-	-	-	59	32	105
Apii Rutaki	16	10	11	16	9	10	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63	-	79
St Joseph's School	45	23	30	26	36	25	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	171	-	216
Apii Takitumu	60	18	25	22	23	23	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	137	-	197
Tereora College	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	142	117	145	152	115	-	671	671
Titikaveka College	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	14	13	20	17	-	-	-	80	80
SOUTHERN GROUP	118	62	79	64	55	65	81	75	57	67	62	50	34	16	406	361	885
Apii Araura	24	15	14	21	15	14	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96	-	120
Araura College	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	38	36	37	27	23	7	-	207	207
Tekaaroa Adventist School	27	7	8	9	5	12	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	-	82
Apii Vaitau	17	16	28	8	13	9	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88	-	105
Apii Enuamanu	15	13	13	5	3	4	10	10	5	10	8	7	5	3	48	48	111
Mangaia School	20	1	5	13	12	13	19	17	9	16	11	12	6	6	63	77	160
Apii Mauke	9	4	7	5	4	5	6	7	5	3	3	3	-	-	31	21	61
Apii Mitiaro	6	6	4	3	3	8	1	2	-	2	3	1	-	-	25	8	39
NORTHERN GROUP	42	34	34	32	27	26	28	21	28	28	29	19	2	-	181	127	350
Apii Ruamanu	10	1	2	4	-	1	1	2	1	-	8	-	-	-	9	11	30
Apii Tukao	3	6	-	-	8	2	5	2	1	-	2	2	-	-	21	7	31
Apii Nassau	2	7	2	2	1	3	-	2	1	3	3	4	-	-	15	13	30
Palmerston Lucky School	-	1	2	-	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	-	6	9	15
Omoka School	7	5	7	3	5	4	3	3	5	7	5	-	-	-	27	20	54
Tetautua School	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	3	2	-	-	-	-	9	7	17
Apii Niua	18	12	15	21	9	13	15	9	12	14	8	11	-	-	85	54	157
Apii Rakahanga	1	-	5	1	1	-	2	-	3	-	2	-	1	-	9	6	16
COOK ISLANDS	516	255	335	314	311	311	312	314	283	283	275	263	191	135	1,838	1,744	4,098

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#### APPENDIX 3: 2017 STUDENT ENROLMENTS BY AGE, GENDER AND LEVEL

#### APPENDIX 4: 2008 - 2017 ENROLMENTS BY LEVEL

Year	ECE	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
2008	470	344	328	307	318	352	330	368	329	369	327	333	193	98	4,466
2009	430	399	311	306	297	296	331	322	342	295	346	357	204	81	4,317
2010	452	335	330	298	301	285	292	309	330	317	266	351	212	108	4,186
2011	517	346	293	330	307	295	290	290	324	297	286	292	205	110	4,182
2012	481	307	325	307	341	292	298	292	286	315	280	303	179	142	4,148
2013	513	301	307	311	277	311	286	288	285	267	302	283	204	117	4,052
2014	460	374	277	302	321	271	298	286	270	283	277	280	211	111	4,021
2015	514	280	321	298	311	309	270	283	282	274	267	247	222	149	4,027
2016	528	307	301	309	307	327	307	271	288	275	261	258	176	156	4,071
2017	516	255	335	314	311	311	312	314	283	283	275	263	191	135	4,098
Average	488	325	313	308	309	305	301	302	302	298	289	297	200	121	4,157

#### APPENDIX 5: 2017 SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STAFF BY REGION

		TEACHER	S		PRINCIPALS	5	ANCILL	ARY STAFF			
SCHOOL	ECE	Primary Education	Secondary Education	Early Childhood Education	Primary Education	Secondary Education	ADMINISTRATION and PROPERTY	TEACHER AIDE (student support)	TEACHER AIDE (school support)	CONCURRENT TEACHER TRAINEES*	TOTAL SCHOOL STAFF
RAROTONGA	15	65	80	1	7	5	23		16	5	243
Apii Nikao	1	13			1		3	5	2	1	26
Apii Arorangi	1	6	2		1		2		2	1	15
Apii Avarua	2	16	4		1		2		1		26
Blackrock Apii Potiki				1				1	3		5
Imanuela Akatemia	1	2	2			1	1		6		13
Nukutere College			10			1	1	5	1		18
Papaaroa Adventist School	1	3	3			1	1				9
Rutaki	2	2			1		2	3			10
St Joseph's School	3	7			1		1	4		1	17
Apii Takitumu	2	6			1		2	2			13
Tereora College			50			1	5	2		1	59
Apii Te Uki Ou	2	10			1		1	3	1	1	19
Titikaveka College			9			1	2	1			13
SOUTHERN GROUP	6	25	27	-	3	5	8	11	5	3	93
Araura College			15			1	1	3			20
Apii Araura	1	7			1		1				10
Apii Enuamanu	1	3	4			1	3	2			14
Mangaia School	1	5	6			1	1	3	1	1	19
Apii Mauke	1	2	2			1	1		1		8
Apii Mitiaro		2				1		1		1	5
Tekaaroa Adventist School	1	3			1			1	1		7
Apii Vaitau	1	3			1		1	1	2	1	10
NORTHERN GROUP	7	13	4	-	4	2	7	4	2	2	45
Palmerston Lucky School					1			4			5
Apii Nassau		2				1					3
Apii Niua		5	3			1	4		1	1	15
Omoka School	2	1	1		1		1				6
Apii Rakahanga	1	2							1	1	5
Apii Ruamanu	1	1			1		1				4
Tetautua School	2	1									3
Apii Tukao	1	1			1		1				4
TOTAL	28	103	111	1	14	12	38	41	23	10	381

\*Previously known as Fast Track Teacher Trainees

