

Education in the Cook Islands

At a glance, 2016

ECE



32
Teachers



528
Students

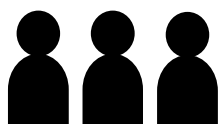
1 teacher for 17 students



PRIMARY



107
Teachers



1858
Students

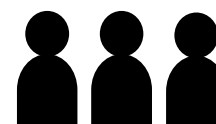
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SECONDARY

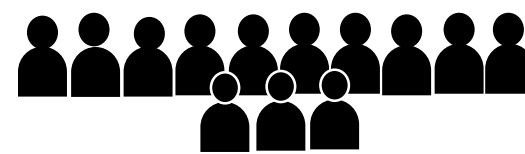


125
Teachers



1685
Students

1 teacher for 13 students



Note: These ratios are national averages and vary widely with less than 10 in some classes and over 30 in others.

Figure 1: National Year 4 English Literacy Progress against the 2019 Target

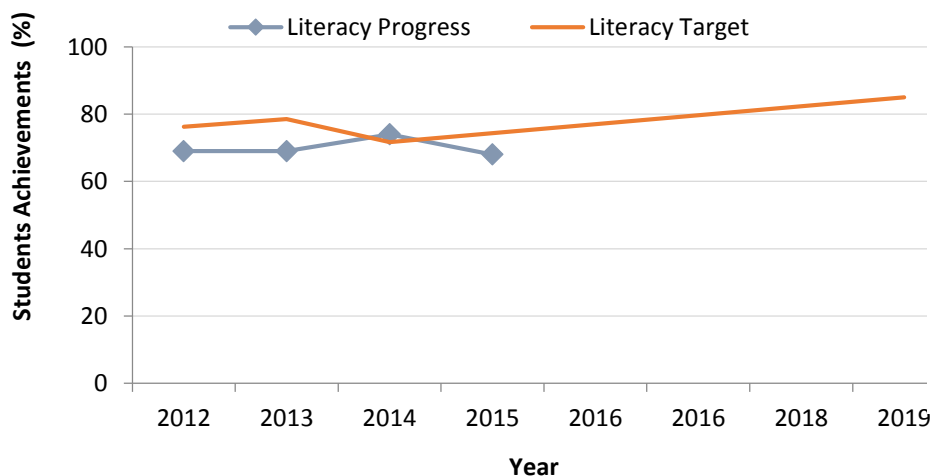


Figure 2: National Year 4 Maori Literacy Progress against the 2019 Target

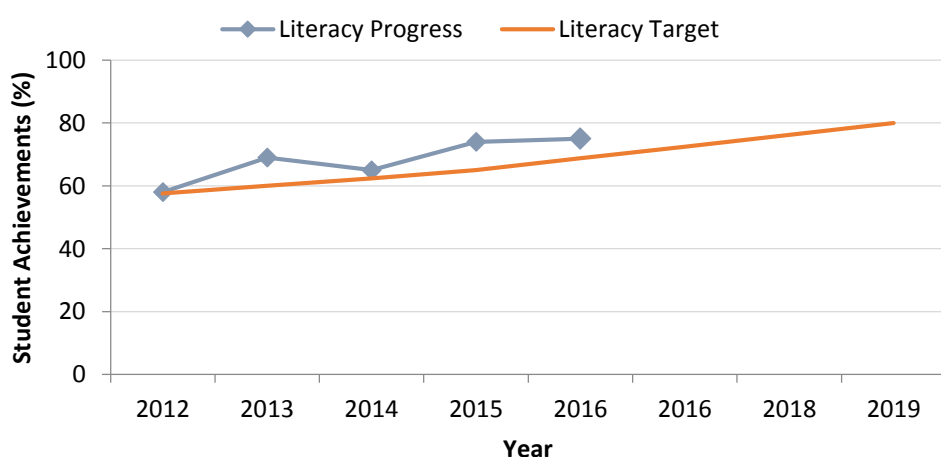
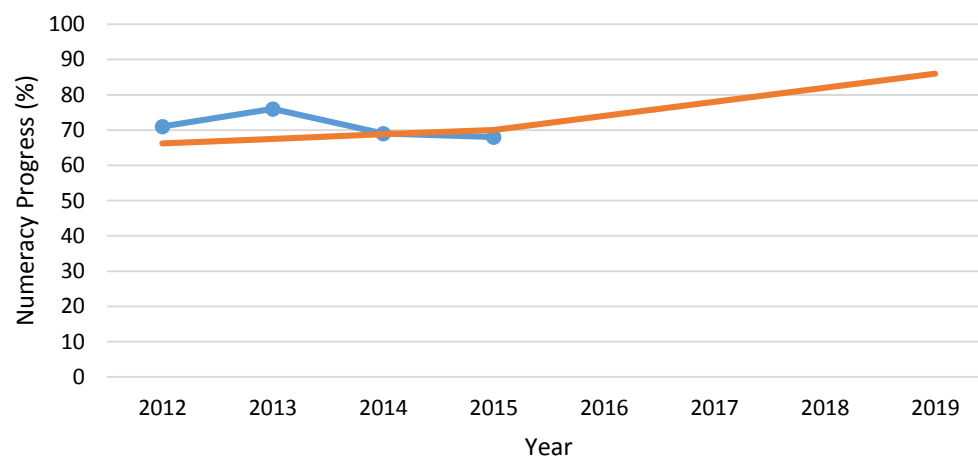


Figure 3: National Year 3 Numeracy Progress against the 2019 Target



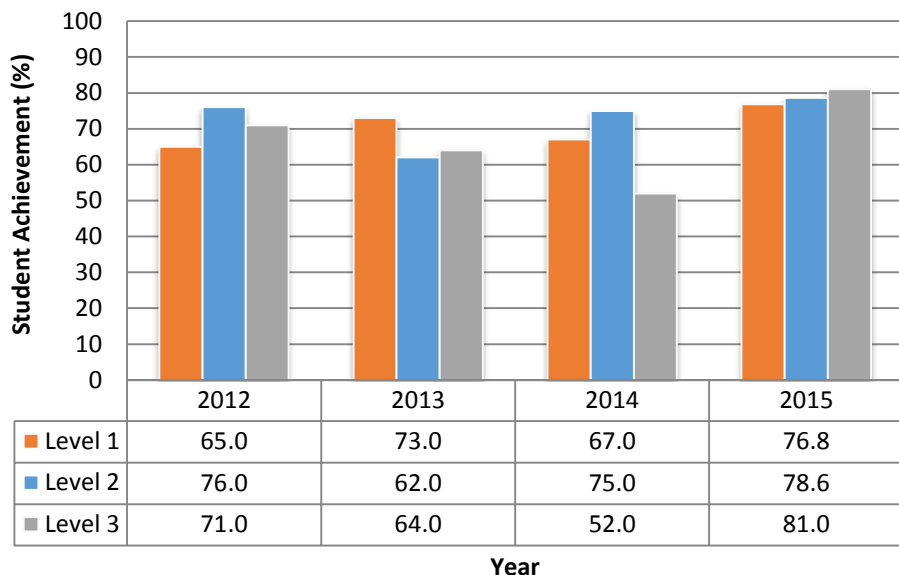
Literacy & Numeracy

Ongoing classroom assessment regularly tracks individual students progress. The Ministry monitors progress nationally at the end of Year 3 for numeracy and end of Year 4 for literacy (in both languages) against long term tracking towards the goals of the Education Master Plan 2008 – 2023.

Recent decrease in numeracy is being addressed through coding rather than scoring which helps us identify the interventions needed to create change.

In 2012, a large number of schools shifted to Cook Islands Maori as first language. The English indicator was therefore adjusted to recognise Year 4 students had one year of English language instruction. Further tracking at Year 8 and Year 11 shows this does self correct. The 2014 decrease is showing the first cohort of students coming through. More schools have since adopted the *Maori First* policy.

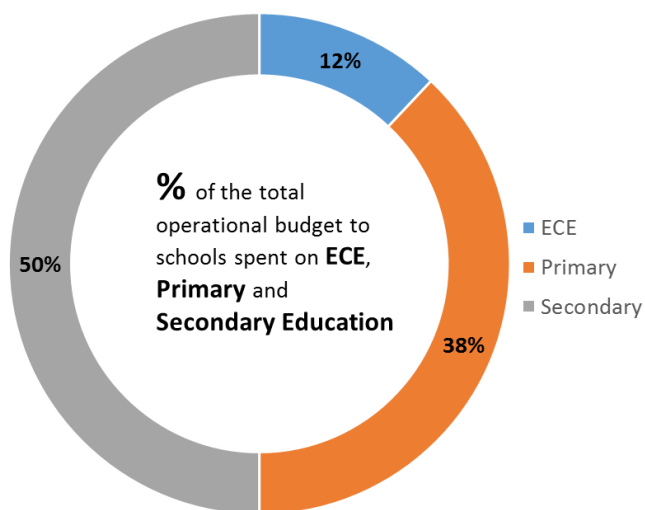
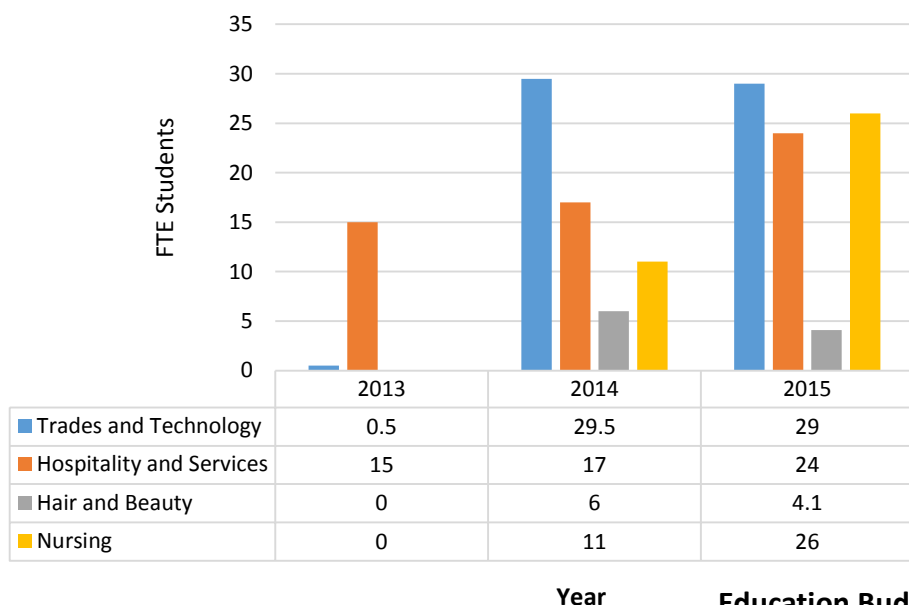
Figure 4: NCEA Level 1 to Level 3 National Results for 2012-2015 by Enrolment



National Certificate of Educational Achievement by Enrolment

In the Cook Islands, we focus on the results 'by enrolment' as it is a measure for us of the system as a whole and counts every child. Results 'by participation' which only includes students in full academic programmes are higher.

Figure 5: National Tertiary Enrolments FTE Students 2013-2015



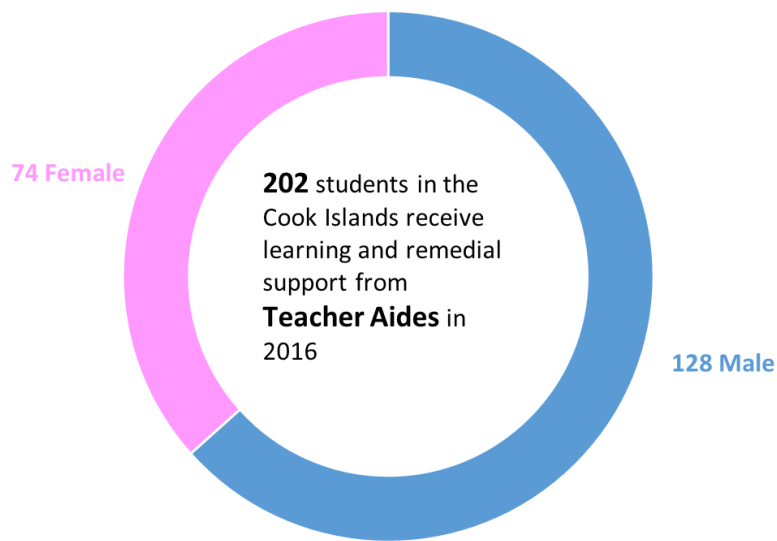
Education Budget as percentage of Nominal GDP

Year	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
Government Appropriation to Ministry of Education	\$ 11,736,984	\$ 12,847,333	\$ 14,497,982	\$ 14,380,737	\$ 17,920,237
Nominal GDP	\$ 388,687,000	\$ 393,200,000	\$ 429,722,000	\$ 395,700,000	\$ 418,364,000
%	3.0	3.3	3.4	3.6	4.4

Note: 2015/16 funding is inclusive of a higher order modality of donor support appropriated through Government mechanisms. Tertiary education is programme funded rather than funded by roll numbers. Education 2030 (SDG 4) targets is committed to increasing public spending on education to at least 4-6% of GDP.

Inclusive Education

The Cook Islands continues to lead Inclusive Education in the region. All students are mainstreamed with additional support provided where needed. Such support moves through the school with the child. Through the provision of funding for a local counterpart we are building the capacity and improving the sustainability of Inclusive Education programmes.



Teacher Aides	
Student Support	31
School Support	20
Total	51

Tertiary Education

Since the establishment of CITTI there has been a strong growth in the provision of both full time vocational courses, including apprenticeships, and continuing education courses. The number of apprentices have increased across both the City and Guild's Certificate and Diploma qualification since 2015. Apprentices are involved in Food & Beverage and Culinary courses.