

## INTRODUCTION TO EDUCATION UPPER HUTT DISTRICT

### Time line of Schools, Intermediates and Colleges in Upper Hutt district

<i>School</i>	<i>established</i>	<i>status</i>
Dame School	1850s	closed
Blockhouse	1861	closed
Upper Hutt School (1)	1864	open 1864 St Joseph's Church
Upper Hutt School (2)	1864	open 1868 relocated Trentham site
<b>Upper Hutt School (3)</b>	1864	open 1908 relocated Upper Hutt site
Mungaroa/Maungaroa (1)	1876	closed 1876 Bengie Memorial Hall site
Te Marua School (2)	1876	closed 1913 renamed BMH same site
Te Marua School (3)	1876	closed 1957 relocated new site
Brown Owl School (4)	1876	closed 1973 renamed closed 2002
Whiteman's Valley School	1882	closed
Kaitoke School	1884	closed
Wallaceville/Wallace School	1885	closed
Akatarawa School	1890s	closed
St Joseph's Industrial/ Orphanage (1)	1910	open 1946 fire destroyed buildings
<b>St Joseph's School (2)</b>	1910	open rebuilt same site
Karapoti School	1912	closed
Mangaroa Private School (1)	1914	open Seed private school 1 <sup>st</sup> site
<b>Mangaroa School (2)</b>	1914	open 1920 relocated 2 <sup>nd</sup> site
<b>Silverstream School</b>	1924	open
<b>Trentham School</b>	1926	open
<b>St Patrick's College</b>	1931	open
Hukinga School	1938	closed
Maymorn School	1951	closed
<b>Oxford Crescent School</b>	1952	open
<b>Pinehaven School</b>	1954	open
<b>Heretaunga College</b>	1954	open
Brentwood School	1955	closed
<b>Fraser Crescent School</b>	1956	open
<b>St Brendan's School</b>	1961	open
<b>Upper Hutt College</b>	1962	open
<b>Fergusson Intermediate</b>	1966	open
<b>Plateau School</b>	1968	open
Maoribank School (1)	1969	open renamed 2021
<b>Te Kura o Hau Karetu (2)</b>	1969	open renamed school 2021
<b>Maidstone Intermediate</b>	1970	open
<b>Totara Park School</b>	1977	open
<b>Birchville School</b>	1978	open
Hutt Independent Boys School (1)	1991	open 1991 1 <sup>st</sup> site Silverstream
<b>Hutt International Boys School (2)</b>	1991	open 1994 2 <sup>nd</sup> site Trentham renamed
Silverstream Christian School	2000s	open

All current Schools, Intermediates, and Colleges that are still operating in the Upper Hutt district have been highlighted in bold.

There are a total of 19 education facilities in the Upper Hutt district. They are made up of 13 Schools, 1 Private Boy's School, 2 Intermediates and 3 Colleges.

## SCHOOL CLASS TITLES

Age	<i>circa 2000s</i>	<i>circa 1900s-2000s</i>	<i>circa 1800s-1900s</i>
Age 5	Year 1	Primer 1	Primer 1
Age 6	Year 2	Primer 2	Primer 2
Age 7	Year 3	Primer 3	Primer 3
Age 8	Year 4	Primer 4	Primer 4
Age 9	Year 5	Standard 1	Standard 1
Age 10	Year 6	Standard 2	Standard 2
Age 11	Year 7	Form 1 Intermediate	Standard 3
Age 12	Year 8	Form 2 Intermediate	Standard 4
Age 13	Year 9	College Form 3	Standard 6
Age 14	Year 10	College Form 4	Standard 7
Age 15	Year 11 (NCEA)	College Form 5 (School Certificate)	
Age 16	Year 12	College Form 6 (University Entrance)	
Age 17	Year 13	College Form 7	

## EDUCATION TIME LINE

In the early days of the Colony the provision of education was left to the churches, to private enterprise or particularly in the Southern settlements to public bodies.

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### 1849

The Reverend Thomas Biddulph Hutton to be Resident Deacon and Inspector of Schools in the district of Wellington.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian newspaper 24 March 1849 page 3)*

### 1852

With the settling up of the Provinces in 1852 the Provincial Councils took over the control of education.

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General Legislation Council 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1852 - In conformity with the terms of the Education Ordinance, Session VIII No 10 Inspectors have been appointed for those schools which are supported by public funds. The reports of those Inspectors in so far as they have been received shall be laid before you from those pots you will find that Industrial Schools established in various parts of New Zealand for the benefit of the Native race have been far more successful than could have been reasonably anticipated and that they will exercise a most important and useful influence upon the future of this country.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian newspaper 25 December 1852 page 3)*

### 1853

Another statistician Mr Josep Fletcher Government Inspector of Schools and Honorary Secretary of the Statistical Society has recently died at the early age of 41.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian newspaper 19 January 1853 page 3)*

### **1850s**

A Dame School, established by Mrs Hannah Barton at Trentham was the first place of formal learning in the Upper Hutt Valley. Miss H Hedge was the teacher.

*(Reference Upper Hutt the history by J A Kelleher 1991 Chapter XIII page 231)*

### **1861**

Folk lore tells that there was an attempt to establish a school in the Blockhouse. While others state that a school was established in the blockhouse but only for a short time. The Blockhouse was built in 1860.

Edward PLAYER settled in the Upper Hutt district between 1860 and 1869. His later obituary stated that he was a teacher at Upper Hutt School. Perhaps he was the teacher at the blockhouse. The Player family resided on Section no 125 which was north-east of Ward street and Section no 94 where the blockhouse was built in 1860.

*(Reference Lynly' website document saved as UHFPlayerPreston.pdf)*

### **1864**

Upper Hutt School was established in 1864. The school occupied St Joseph's Church for around 4 years before a new school was built in either 1866 or 1868.

### **1865**

Wellington Independent newspaper 23 February 1865

Appointment of School Inspector – Provincial Secretary Office Wellington 09<sup>th</sup> February 1865

His honour the Superintendent has been pleased to appoint – AW F Halcombe Esq., JP to be Inspector of School for the Province. The appointment to date from the 01<sup>st</sup> instant. J Woodward Acting Provincial Secretary.

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 23 February 1865 page 3)*

### **1866 or 1868**

Upper Hutt School moved to new premises next to the former Rose of Sharon Lodge on the road (Fergusson Drive) between Whakatiki Street and Moonshine Road.

### **1876**

Mungaroa School was established on the site that is now occupied by the Benge Memorial Hall.

### **1877**

Their [Provinces] abolition in 1876 opened the way to the founding of the present national system of free secular and compulsory education through the Education Act 1877.

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Education Act 1877 gave control over primary education to regional Education Boards.

*(Reference Family History at National Archives published 1990 page 63)*

### **1882**

Whiteman's Valley School was established in 1882 on the corner of Blue Mountains Road and Johnson's Road in Whiteman's Valley.

### **1884**

Kaitoke School was established in the Pakuratahi / Kaitoke region.

### **1885**

Wallaceville School also spelt Wallace School was established and situated on Whiteman's alley Road. The school was near the intersection of Wallaceville Road and Maymorn Road in the Mangaroa Valley.

### **1885**

At Archives New Zealand Wellington School schedules are held for the Wellington Education Board from 1885 to 1909.

*(Reference Family History at National Archives published 1990 page 64)*

### **1886**

The Act provided for the establishment of a central Department of Education under the control of a Cabinet Minister, Secretary, Inspector General (combined with the office of Secretary in 1886) and a small staff of officers and clerks. Control of the school system was left in the hands of twelve District Education Boards. The Hutt valley came under the Wellington Education Board.

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### **1890s**

Akatarawa School was established in the Akatarawa Valley for the children of the sawmilling companies in the valley.

### **1906**

In 1906 the Wellington Teachers college reopened

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### **1907**

1907 the School journal was first issued.

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### **1910**

St Joseph's Industrial School was established between Pine Avenue and Royal Street. The entrance was on Pine Avenue. St Joseph's Industrial School was also an orphanage.

### **1912**

Karapoti School was established on Akatarawa Road near the turnoff to the Karapoti Valley.

### **1913**

Mungaroa School was renamed Te Marua School but remained on the same site which is now occupied by the Benge Memorial Hall. The hall was once the Mungaroa School building.

### **1914**

Mangaroa School was established as a private school in Maclaren Road in Mangaroa Valley by Mrs Seed.

### **1919**

1919 the dental service was established then later transferred to the Health Department.

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### **1920**

Mangaroa School was transferred to a new building site on Flux Road.

### **1921**

1921 the Education Gazette was instituted.

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ARNZ W5657 22499 Box 70 E 1 record group finding aids binder Education E volume 1 historical background dates of importance in New Zealand education list of series list of district offices series 1 registered files for pre 1914 files see E-W acc1012 in volume 3)*

## **1922**

1922 Intermediate school began.

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## **1924**

Silverstream School was established in Whiteman's Valley Road Silverstream. The school now occupies the corner of Whiteman's Road and Gard Street in Silverstream.

## **1926**

Trentham School was established on the corner of Moonshine Road and Fergusson Drive.

## **1928**

Education Department regulations in 1928 stated that registers of admission and attendance were to be kept by each school until their destruction was authorised by the Minister.

*(Reference Family History at National Archives published 1990 page 65)*

## **1931**

St Patrick's College was established on the Main Hutt Road (renamed Fergusson Drive) in Silverstream.

## **1938**

Hukinga School was established in the sawmilling site in the Karapoti Valley off Akatarawa Road.

## **1951**

Maymorn School was established off Parks Line Road in the Mangaroa / Maymorn Valley.

## **1952**

Oxford Crescent School was established on Oxford Crescent in central Upper Hutt.

## **1954**

Pinehaven School was established on Pinehaven Road with access off Forest Road in Pinehaven.

Heretaunga College was established in 1954 on Ward Street in the Wallaceville / Trentham district.

## **1955**

Brentwood School was established with access off Brentwood Street and backed onto the Trentham Memorial Park.

## **1956**

Fraser Crescent School was established with access to the school from Redwood Street.

## **1957**

Te Marua School which once occupied the Benge Memorial Hall was transferred to a new building site down the road towards the Brown Owl district.

## **1961**

St Brendan's School was established on the corner of Sutherland Avenue and Palmer Crescent.

## **1962**

Upper Hutt College was established with the entrance off Moonshine Road.

## **1966**

Fergusson Intermediate was established with the entrance off Hikurangi Street.

**1968**

Plateau School was established with the entrance off Molloy's Road in Te Marua.

**1969**

Maoribank School was established with the entrance off Hillside Drive.

**1970**

Maidstone Intermediate was established with entrance off Redwood Street.

**1973**

Te Marua School was renamed Brown Owl School as it was situated in the Brown Owl district.

**1977**

Totara Park School was established with entrance off California Drive in Totara Park district.

**1978**

Birchville School was established with entrance off Gemstone Drive

**1989**

1989 Education Boards abolished (about 12/13 boards.  
*(Reference Family History at National Archives published 1990 page 63)*

**1991**

Hutt Independent Boys School was established with the entrance off Field Street in Silverstream.

**1994**

Hutt International Boys School once known as Hutt Independent Boys School opened on a new site off Granville Street near the Trentham Racecourse.

**2002**

Brown Owl School closed in 2002

**2000s**

Silverstream Christian School was established with the entrance off Blue Mountain's Road.

**2021**

Maoribank School was renamed Te Kura o Hau Karetu in 2021.

<b>Education - Record Collections</b>
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Publications

- Upper Hutt The History by J A Kelleher 1991 pages 231 to 143
- List of Names and Places from the book Upper Hutt the History compiled by Janet Doyle June 2005
- Genealogical Resources in the Hutt Valley edited by Peggy Crawford for the Hutt Valley Group NZSG 1992
- Family History at National Archives published 1990 Education and child welfare section pages 63-69 [National Archives was renamed Archives New Zealand]

Archives New Zealand Wellington office

- Archives New Zealand has compiled an Education research guide full of helpful information and a copy of the guide is available on their website. The Wellington Office holds various records covering the Schools in the Upper Hutt and Hutt Valley.

- When School records are destroyed by fire or by other means then the Education Board Inspectors reports are a most valuable source for information about the teachers and pupils. These records are held at Archives New Zealand.

#### Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection

There are numerous school records and photos available from the Upper Hutt City Library. Too many to list but they are listed in the documents of each individual school. The heritage collection is available to research on the UHCL "*Recollect*" website.

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## RULES FOR FEMALE TEACHERS 1915

1. You will NOT marry during the term of your contract
2. You are NOT to keep company with men
3. You MUST be home between the hours of 8 pm and 6 am unless attending a school function
4. You MAY NOT travel beyond the city limits without the permission of the chairman of the board
5. You MAY NOT loiter downtown in ice-cream stores
6. You MAY NOT ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is your father or brother
7. You MAY NOT smoke cigarettes
8. You MAY NOT dress in bright colours
9. You may UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES dye your hair
10. You must wear AT LEAST two petticoats
11. Your dress must NOT be any shorter than two inches above the ankle
12. To keep the school room clean you must
  - a. sweep the floor at least once daily
  - b. scrub the floor with hot soapy water at least once a week
  - c. clean the blackboard at least once a day
  - d. start the fire at 7 am so that the room will be warm by 8 am

### Upper Hutt School 1914



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection recollect website Ray Randle collection Tanner Brothers postcard circa 1914)



## **RULES FOR TEACHERS 1872**

1. *Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys*
2. *Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's session*
3. *Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual taste of the pupils*
4. *Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly*
5. *After ten hours in school, the teachers may spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.*
6. *Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.*
7. *Every teacher should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.*
8. *Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intention, integrity and honesty.*
9. *The teacher who performs his labour faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of twenty-five cents per week in his pay, providing the Board of Education approves.*

*(Reference Tauranga District Museum, Historic Village Complex Seventeenth Avenue West Tauranga New Zealand & Wainuiomata Museum)*

### **Mungaroa School (renamed Te Marua) Teacher Mrs Eliza Evans 1879-1911**



*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection 93/1 Kenny Paul collection P2-763-1888)*