PROVIDING MODERN LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

National’s focus is on providing modern learning environments that meet the needs of 21st century students.

We have invested over $1 billion connecting schools to ultra-fast broadband which means students anywhere in New Zealand can have access to the best teachers and online resources in the world.

We will build on that investment by making sure all schools are connected to the Network for Learning, a dedicated nationwide network which provides educational content and resources to schools and students.

School property is one of our biggest assets with a book value of $10.7 billion. As our population grows, school property must adapt to support it. The more cost-effective we can be in building new schools and new classrooms, the more money we can free up to spend on quality teachers and learning to benefit your child.

Over six years, we have built 24 schools to support roll growth. With population growth in Auckland we want to get ahead of the demand, so will invest $350 million to build up to nine schools and at least 130 new classrooms in the Auckland region over four years.

We are also committed to rebuilding the education sector in Christchurch and are investing $1.1 billion over 10 years to rebuild, repair and renew 115 schools.

National is working hard to ensure your children are learning in modern, flexible and digitally-connected classrooms.

POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

- Invest $350 million over four years to build up to nine new schools, at least 130 classrooms, and complete major redevelopments of up to eight existing schools in the Auckland region.
- Continue rebuilding schools in Christchurch.
- Build new schools and new classrooms in areas of high growth.
- Cluster schools in high growth areas to develop better education strategies for students and communities.
- Ensure new schools meet high energy efficiency standards.
- Continue to connect schools to the Network for Learning’s managed network.
NATIONAL IS...

CONNECTING OUR SCHOOLS WITH THE WORLD

☑ Investing more than $700 million in digital infrastructure to schools. This includes establishing the Crown Company Network for Learning, with $211 million allocated to build and maintain a managed network for all schools.

☑ Upgrading school networks through the School Network Upgrade Project.

☑ Launched the online portal, ‘Pond’, to provide schools with access to trusted, high-quality learning resources for safe online collaboration for students and teachers.

☑ Providing more computers in homes and digital literacy training for low-income families.

☑ Investing $35 million in Professional Learning and Development specifically targeted at learning with digital technologies.

☑ Developed the e-Learning website to provide better information and support for schools to succeed in a digital world.

☑ Improved guidelines to schools to enable the establishment of digital hubs in schools to benefit students, families and communities.

PROVIDING MODERN NEW CLASSROOMS

☑ Investing over $1.1 billion over 10 years to restore and renew 115 schools in Christchurch.

☑ Investing over $400 million in the last two years to build new schools, new classrooms, and new facilities for existing schools.

☑ Investing approximately $500 million per year in capital funding to support and grow our school infrastructure.

☑ Creating an infrastructure support service to give schools the option to reduce their involvement in property management.

☑ Revised school property management so we get the best facilities more efficiently.

☑ Continuing to investigate Public-Private Partnerships as a way to build new school property and buildings.

☑ Secured settlements and pursued litigation to help address leaky building issues in schools.

☑ Targeting funding to schools requiring major developments.

☑ Partnering with Land Information New Zealand to dispose of unneeded school buildings faster.
OUR RESULTS SO FAR

MORE CHILDREN HAVE ACCESS TO ONLINE LEARNING AND FASTER CONNECTIONS

- Over 1,800 schools are now connected to fibre under the government’s ultra-fast broadband scheme.
- Every school in New Zealand has been invited into the government’s School Network Upgrade Programme, and all schools will have their digital infrastructure upgraded by the end of 2015.
- Over 780 schools connected to the N4L managed network, with a projected 900 to be connected by the end of this year.
WHAT WE WILL DO NEXT

1. INVEST IN AUCKLAND SCHOOLS

→ Implement our $350 million plan to build as many as nine schools and at least 130 new classrooms in the Auckland region over the next four years.

The new schools will be spread across different parts of Auckland, with four likely in the northern part of the region, three in South Auckland, and two in West Auckland.

The investment will be paid for with the proceeds of the Future Investment Fund, and other sources.

2. REBUILD CHRISTCHURCH SCHOOLS

→ Continue to implement the Greater Christchurch Education Renewal Programme

Over the next 10 years National is committed to investing over $1.1 billion in renewing, repairing and rebuilding 115 schools in greater Christchurch, while continuing to fund business-as-usual works in other schools.

We will:
→ Construct 13 schools on new sites.
→ Rebuild completely 10 schools on their existing sites.
→ Redevelop 92 schools.

Over 80 per cent of teaching spaces in the Greater Christchurch area will be modern learning environments resulting in one of the most modern schooling networks in the country. Students will learn in flexible, digitally connected classrooms, and teachers will have up-to-date facilities and teaching tools available.

Schools will be working together in learning community clusters, providing students with more flexible, personalised learning options.
3. DELIVER MORE FUTURE-FOCUSED LEARNING

Giving every school high-quality ultra-fast broadband will ensure every student can benefit from technology to achieve their best, no matter where they live in New Zealand.

National will:

→ Continue the rollout of the managed network to New Zealand schools.
   We will connect 900 schools by the end of 2014, and all registered schools will be connected by the end of 2016.

→ Ensure the rollout of the online portal, ‘Pond’, to student teachers in teacher education institutions.
   Pond will provide schools with access to trusted, high-quality learning resources for safe online collaboration for students and teachers. Giving trainee teachers this tool means that they can hit the ground running when they enter the profession.

→ Encourage schools to develop ‘Bring your Own Device’ (BYOD) programmes to give students access to personal digital devices.

→ Investigate ways to provide devices to students and families that struggle to access them.

→ Invest $5 million over two years to retrofit wireless capability in approximately 420 schools that have already received a School Network Upgrade.

→ Establish an ICT advisory service to provide schools with high quality ICT advice and support.

→ Work with businesses and communities to enable learning outside school hours through digital hubs in libraries and community facilities, and support for affordable internet access for households with dependent children.

4. COMPLETE THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION’S FACILITIES MANAGEMENT PILOT

→ Empower schools to step away from day-to-day management of school property.
   We will complete our facilities management programme pilot exercise so we can take on board what we have learned, and offer the programme to all schools that want it.

5. ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROPERTY PLANS

→ Create conditions that encourage neighbouring schools in densely populated areas to work together as clusters to share facilities, infrastructure and capacity.
   We know schools can offer better outcomes for students and families when everyone can work together.

6. DELIVER MORE GREENSTAR SCHOOLS

→ Ensure all new schools and major developments will be designed and built to, at minimum, a four star green standard.
   That means lower energy usage, higher air quality, more efficient water efficiency and improved waste management and recycling.
DON’T PUT IT ALL AT RISK

LABOUR WOULD...

✗ Spend more money for less return by refusing to use PPP arrangements for new schools. Public Private Partnership arrangements enable us to build new schools at a reduced price, while providing high-quality buildings and facilities management that our teachers and principals don’t need to spend time worrying about. If our teachers can spend less time worrying about how to fix a broken sink, they can spend more time teaching.

✗ Underspend drastically on property. Labour has said it will spend just $104 million to build new classrooms. We will invest $350 million over the next four years in Auckland alone through the Future Investment Fund and other sources to build new schools, new classrooms and complete major redevelopments of existing schools to provide more teaching spaces and more 21st century schools.