

**Miandetta School Home-Area**

**General Information**
At present, schools are using school Home-Area Maps that were created in 2005. Following the decision by Cabinet in April 2012 to accept the recommendations of the School Viability Reference Group, work has commenced on progressing Recommendations 1-3 from that report.

Recommendations 1 and 2 seek the department to review the Enrolment and Attendance Guidelines, and current policies and guidelines relating to school boundaries and catchment areas. Stakeholders indicated that the current documentation was out-dated and interpreted in different ways by schools, parents and the public.

The primary aim of the analysis of Home-Area Maps was to increase the percentage of students attending their local school. The following principles were used to guide this work:

- Students will attend the school in their local Home-Area
- Each primary school will have a defined Home-Area.
- Each primary school will be linked to a local high school.

**Application of the following criteria will determine home-areas:**
- current school building infrastructure and current utilisation
- student current home address and current student enrolment data
- recent school closures and amalgamation decisions
- road and transport infrastructure
- distance of home address to local school
- natural geographic boundaries

The following process has been used to develop the proposed maps for schools:

- 2011 first term census information was geocoded, mapped, researched and analysed; then a proposed map was created based upon the criteria outlined above;
- This process was repeated with the 2012 first term census information and comparisons made between the two data sets
- This data and proposed maps were presented to the Home-Areas Reference Group in July 2012 and were further map refinement was undertaken after this meeting.

The department also reviewed the way the map information was presented and has produced cleaner, simpler maps. The department has also produced Google maps of the home-areas which will allow school communities to view the details of the maps using Google Earth.

**Specific School Information**
From investigating the Present Home-Area Map it was noted that the majority of homes around Ambleside had more homes attending Miandetta Primary School than East Devonport Primary School. So it is suggested that the Shared Miandetta/East Devonport Home-Area be merged into the Miandetta Home-Area. No other changes are suggested.

This evidence suggests that this change should be recommended in the new Home-Area Map.