



Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches Programme Budget Announcement

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Tihei mauri ora!

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The Announcement

“Associate Education Minister David Seymour has today announced that Budget 2024 will provide \$478 million to continue the Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches programme in 2025 and 2026, and introduce a new targeted programme for up to 10,000 two-to-five year olds in early learning services.”

From the beginning of 2025, Ka Ora, Ka Ako will continue to provide status quo lunch provision for Year 0-6 learners. Year 7+ learners will have access to the alternative provision model.

What it means for the Programme

CONTINUE



Current provision will continue until end of Dec 2024.
Ka Ora, Ka Ako status quo for Years 1-6 for 2025-2026.
All learners currently participating in Ka Ora, Ka Ako will continue to have access to food in their school | kura.

STOP



From Term 1 2025, Ka Ora, Ka Ako status quo for Years 7+ will no longer be funded.

CHANGE



From Term 1 2025, not all learners within the school | kura will receive a status quo lunch but all learners will have access to food.

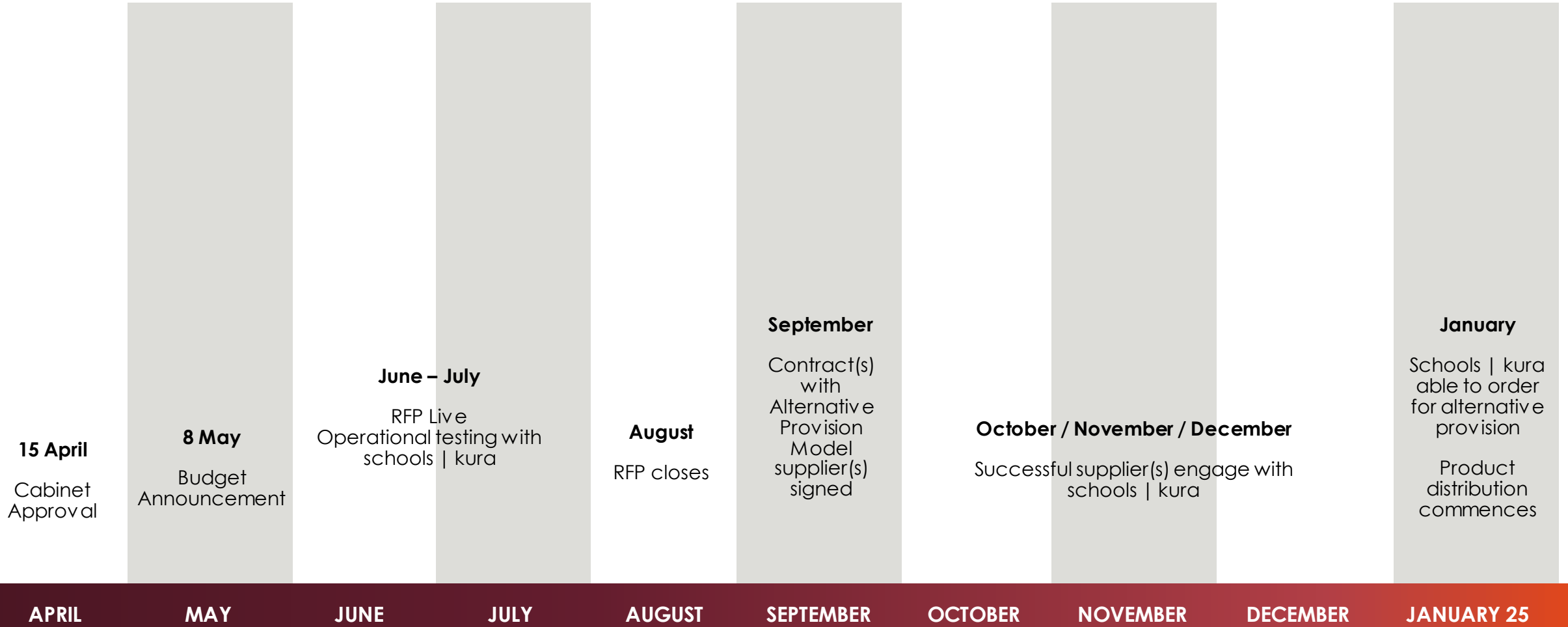
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Schools | kura will order food from a central portal and store, prepare and distribute this for Years 7+ learners.

Provision for lunch and morning tea 5 days a week for up to 10,000 2-5 year olds at low equity, not for profit, community-based childhood centres.

Estimated Timeline



What it means for schools | kura

IMPACT

Around 127,000 learners in 761 schools | kura across all delivery models will be affected by the change

Of these, 498 schools | kura including Māori medium kura will be providing both status quo lunches and the alternative provision due to being composite or full primary

57 internal schools will no longer be funded to make their own lunches and 135 internal schools will be funded to make lunches for less ākongā due to being composite or full primary

CONSIDERATIONS

Schools | kura with Year 7+ learners will be responsible for ordering, storing, preparing, distributing, maintaining food safety protocols, managing waste and providing regular reporting to the Ministry on impact, engagement, uptake and waste

The Ministry will work to support schools providing both status quo lunches and the alternative provision

It is up to each school | kura to decide whether they wish to and how they engage in this new model

NEXT STEPS

Operational testing with schools | kura is required

Guidance to be developed by the Ministry to support schools | kura

What it means for Suppliers and Iwi/Hapū Partners

IMPACT

Suppliers in the programme will on average lose 48% of their business with the programme.

16 Suppliers will no longer be providing any lunches.

While no iwi/hapū lose all business, there is an average loss of 29% (between 8-73%) of business with the programme

CONSIDERATIONS

Schools and suppliers have a legal obligation to support staff who are no longer employed for the programme, as these staff members are categorised as 'vulnerable workers' under the Employment Relations Act 2000.

Depending on the nature of employment, schools and suppliers may need to either provide workers with opportunities within the new model or with redundancy arrangements.

NEXT STEPS

Current provision of lunches will continue for the remainder of 2024, in line with the Ministry's contractual obligation

Suppliers and iwi/hapū partners providing lunches to Year 1-6 learners will have the option of extending their contracts for another two years of provision.

An RFP for the supply of the alternative provision model will be live early June and open for any applicants.

Changes for 2025: Comparison between status quo lunches and the alternative provision model

Ka Ora, Ka Ako lunches for learners in Years 0-6

Type of Provision

- Learners in Years 0-6 in eligible schools (according to the Equity Index) will continue to receive status quo lunches under the existing Ka Ora, Ka Ako settings.
- Universal provision for all learners attending school each day at eligible schools.

Distribution of Food

- There are three different delivery models schools can choose from
 - External Model:** A school or kura uses external local supplier(s) to provide lunches
 - Iwi and Hapū Model:** A single school or kura forms a partnership with iwi or hapū as their supplier of lunches
 - Internal Model:** A school or kura makes their own lunches

Type of Food

- Food is a mixture of fresh hot and cold lunches, which varies between schools (no set menu).
- Existing serving styles include Grab & Go, Classroom Containers, Whānau Style, and Served (reusables)

Nutrition and Dietary Needs

- Each lunch meets 33% of a learners daily nutrient requirements through nutrition and portion size standards
- 100% of dietary requirements of participating learners are met (including special and complex needs). Suppliers are responsible for this.

Meal Pricing

- \$5.78 for primary learners, \$6.77 for intermediate learners, and \$8.62 for secondary learners (portion sizes and therefore lunch costs are based on learner age and daily nutrient requirements).

Alternative Provision offering for learners in Years 7+

Type of Provision

- All learners in Years 7+ attending schools who currently receive Ka Ora, Ka Ako will continue to receive a taxpayer funded lunch.
- Schools will be able to choose what food they order from a government-procured selection and decide how much they need. This will minimise wasted food and surplus food and encourage learner agency.

Distribution of Food

- Schools manage the ordering, storage, preparation, and distribution of food, similarly to the KidsCan, KickStart Breakfast, and Fruit in Schools programmes.
- The government will use its buying power to bulk purchase goods and distribute them directly to schools.
- The Ministry will support schools with implementation.
- The supplier(s) will be determined through a procurement process in 2024.

Type of Food

- Lunch will be the sorts of food items thousands of parents put into lunch boxes every day for kids in schools. The food is likely to have some or all the following types of provision: Grab & Go, Self-Serve, and Heat & Eat.
- The details will be determined by the expert advisory group assisting the Ministry, which will include FMCG experts, representatives from affected schools, and learner representatives.

Nutrition and Dietary Needs

- Nutrition standards are to be determined once the supplier(s) are selected. The offering will aim to follow good nutritional guidelines and be balanced.
- The alternative model will meet standard dietary requirements such as gluten free, dairy free, vegetarian, vegan, religious, cultural, single allergy

Meal Pricing

- Contracting details to be determined through procurement process in 2024.

Composite Schools with a combination of learners across Years 0-6 and Years 7+

- Composite Schools with learners across different year levels will need to implement dual models of food provision according to their age.
- Representatives from composite schools will be appointed to the expert advisory group so implementation is as easy as possible.
- The Ministry of Education will support these schools closely to work out how to best manage both models.

Pātai | Questions?



As more information becomes available we will provide updates. We will continue to update the FAQs on the Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunch Programme Web Portal

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Unuhia, unuhia
Unuhia ki te uru tapu nui
Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau
Te tinana, te wairua i te ara tangata
Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia aka ki runga
Kia tina! TINA! Hui e! TĀIKI E!



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