

We're making changes to the **Schoolhopper** bus services - where they go and who uses them



This will enable more travel choices on the public bus network.

Why do we need to make changes?

Over the past two years more school children are using the public Bayhopper buses to travel to schools outside of their local zones and to extracurricular activities.

We'd like to deliver a flexible public transport network to provide more travel choices, and this means focussing our resources on the public Bayhopper services.

Why does this matter to you?

We need to know what you think of changing the Schoolhopper service to enable a more effective Bayhopper service, so that we can refine transport solutions that move us towards moving better around our city.

Tauranga is one of the few places left that provides a dedicated school bus service to move children to schools outside of their local neighbourhoods, ie to schools of choice as opposed to schools children are zoned for. Moving this funding into the public Bayhopper network will enable more flexibility and choice in travel times, providing a more effective public bus service.

What are we changing?

Over the page you will find our proposed changes that relate to your child's school. These proposed changes are in response to conversations held with school staff, parents and pupils in 2016. Now we need to know whether these are the right changes to be made, or what else we should consider prior to finalising our bus networks later this year.

Do you have to do anything?

We'd love to know if you agree with these changes, or if you have other ideas that we could consider.

Tell us what you think

**Drop into one of our
community sessions or
provide survey feedback -
see www.drivechange.co.nz
for more information**

Feedback closes 6 June 2017.

Greenpark School

Greenpark School is well served by the current public and school bus networks. The proposed change involves three Schoolhopper routes being combined, with coverage north of the school (Cameron Road and Fraser Street) to be removed. As Greenpark School is a primary school much of the Schoolhopper services have been retained.

Public services to Greenpark School

The Crosstown Connector & Route 1 will serve Greenpark School. Care will need to be taken as some students may need to cross Cameron Road.

Greerton Interchange – A significant number of public services pass through Greerton Village and will provide good travel options for older students.

Proposed travel options (for morning trips, afternoon travel can be reversed)

Existing		Proposed	
From	Route#	Bus 1	Bus 2
North of Greenpark School	412/552/553	Public bus route 1 or 59 direct to Greenpark School or route 55 to Greerton.	At Greerton transfer to public bus route 1 or 59 to Greenpark School.
The Lakes/ Cheyne Rd	552	School bus service 412x .	
Freeburn Road	553	School bus service 412x.	

Services retained

Route 412 Welcome Bay – Ranginui and Cheyne Rd will be combined with parts of route 552 and 553. It will continue to serve Welcome Bay before proceeding to Cheyne Road and the Lakes. It will no longer provide coverage north of Greenpark School.

Services removed

Parts of routes 412, 552 & 553. Services north of Greenpark School have been removed through Cameron Road and Fraser Street.