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What is Play.sport?

Play.sport is a collaborative model for the delivery of physical education (PE) and extra-curricular sport being piloted in 45 schools in Upper Hutt and Waitakere.

It involves a Play.sport workforce (curriculum facilitators, PE mentors and community activators) working with schools to upskill and support teachers to develop the quality of PE lessons.

The Play.sport workforce also connects schools with providers within the local community, such as sports clubs, other schools and marae, to provide a fresh approach to both PE and extra-curricular sport.

Play.sport is being delivered by Sport New Zealand, supported by the Ministry of Education and ACC.

The four-year pilot was launched in March 2015, made possible by an \$8 million Government investment as part of the Childhood Obesity Plan.

Why do we need Play.sport?

Kiwi kids have traditionally been sporty, active kids, and we're all better for it.

When our young people are physically active they develop new skills and social connections, take on challenges, adopt healthy lifestyles and, most importantly, they have fun.

Through sport young people also learn values of respect, friendship, team spirit, fair competition, equality, integrity and tolerance – these shape our society and help make New Zealand a great place to live.

Play.sport is about helping to create quality and engaging PE experiences in our schools that encourage a lifelong love of sport and physical activity, which contributes to the overall wellbeing of our Kiwi kids.

20,000
KIDS

1000
TEACHERS

8
MILLION
GOVERNMENT
INVESTMENT

28
SCHOOLS IN
WAITAKERE

17
SCHOOLS IN
UPPER HUTT

LAUNCHED IN
2015

4
YEAR
PILOT



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