

Kia Ora Schools,

We need your help!

The school's international education sector is going through a period of significant crisis. Student numbers are down by nearly 70%, international departments are being scaled back or closed, and staff are losing jobs. Through all this, the mental health and well-being of students who have remained in New Zealand is of paramount concern.

SIEBA has a key role to play in helping the sector navigate through the crisis and prepare for recovery. To do this effectively, it is critical that we have deep insights into what is happening in schools around the country.

Over the coming weeks and months, there will be several surveys coming out, each with different objectives to provide information for different audiences. It is vital that we have as many schools as possible complete these surveys. We acknowledge the risk of survey fatigue; however, we implore you to take the time to respond. This is one thing that you can do to support us, to support you.

For all surveys, please respond once per school.

Recovery Readiness Survey

The first survey seeks information to complete a recovery readiness appraisal that is specific to the school sector. SIEBA has engaged education consultancy, Edified, to conduct this research on our behalf. Your answers will be kept completely confidential and results will be reported at an aggregated level only.

This survey is part of the future focus programme of work and aims to identify collective areas of strengths and weakness and help guide all of us as we prepare for the future. Aggregated and anonymized results will be shared with all participants and used to inform the development of a scenario planning framework.

We encourage as many schools as possible to complete this survey, whether they are SIEBA members or not. We are working with allied organisations for this project and you may receive a notice about the survey from multiple places. Please only complete one survey per school, however.

The first survey will take 15-20 minutes and [please click here](#) to take this survey now.

The survey will close on March 17th.

School Sector Briefing to the Minister - Survey

The second survey will be circulated in the coming weeks. This survey is to support a briefing to the Minister of Education and Covid-19. The briefing sets out priorities for the school sector for the remainder of this term of office for the Government and includes a request for financial support for schools, a further request to consider the details of managed isolation for a school sector pilot and a request for urgent exceptions to border restriction for some school students.

The topics put forward in the briefing are critical to the future of the sector and must be supported by accurate and current data about the crisis that schools are facing and the state of the sector. A link to this survey will be shared when the survey is finalized.

Surveys play a central role in our efforts to support the sector and we once again make a plea to all schools to take these opportunities to complete surveys to help us to help you. Once again, [please click here](#) to take the **Recovery Readiness Survey**.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please contact guy@sieba.nz

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