



12 March 2026

Kia ora

St Dominic's College and Liston College – update on school bus service changes (Piha / Waiaatarua / Oratia)

Thank you for your patience while we work to implement the new school bus services. This letter is to update you on the changes that are taking effect from Monday 16 March 2026.

We've identified that there was some incorrect and unclear information in the letter that we sent last week, and we apologise for the confusion this caused.

Bus stop locations

The bus stop and timetable information has been corrected and the correct information is attached to this letter.

Please note, the buses will only be stopping at the locations listed. As part of the preparation for the new routes, a bus stop safety audit was carried out and only the bus stop locations that comply with the New Zealand Transport Agency | Waka Kotahi Safe Siting for School Bus Stops Guidelines will be used.

It is important to note that the locations that have been identified as being unsafe will also be removed from the other Ministry services who have been using them.

Stage 2 bus services *(from 16 March 2026 until roadworks complete):*

We understand that Auckland Transport's roadworks has been delayed until later this month, however, our Stage 2 bus route changes will still take effect from Monday 16 March 2026.

- Existing bus route D020308 (Piha to Liston College and St Dominic's College) will pick-up and drop-off students only between Piha and Waiaatarua. It will run as an express service between Waiaatarua and the schools:
 - The last pick-up location in the morning will be at the carpark at 473 Scenic Drive (former Elevation Café location)
 - The first drop-off location in the afternoon will be at the Waiaatarua Fire Station carpark (464 Scenic Drive)

- New bus route D020324 (bus shelter opposite 832 West Coast Road to Liston College and St Dominic's College):
 - The first morning pick-up will be at the bus shelter opposite 832 West Coast Road, and the final pick-up will be at the driveway opposite 170 Shaw Road
 - In the afternoon, the first drop-off will be at the driveway of 170 Shaw Road, and the final drop-off will be at the corner of West Coast Road and Bush Road.
- Bus pass system will continue. Students will also be allocated to a specific bus and will only be able to travel on their assigned service.

Stage 3 bus services (*once roadworks are complete*):

- Route D020308 will travel via Forest Hill Road and will no longer be an express service.
- Bus pass system for eligible students will remain in place. Students will be reallocated to a specific bus as required and will only be able to travel on their assigned service.

School Transport Assistance

The primary responsibility for transporting children to and from school rests with their caregivers. To be eligible to receive Ministry-funded school transport assistance, students must meet the following long-standing criteria:

1. Students must attend their closest state or state-integrated school.
2. Students must live more than a certain distance from the school:
 - Years 1-8: At least 3.2 km
 - Years 9-13: At least 4.8 km
3. There must be no public transport available.

Bus route information and queries

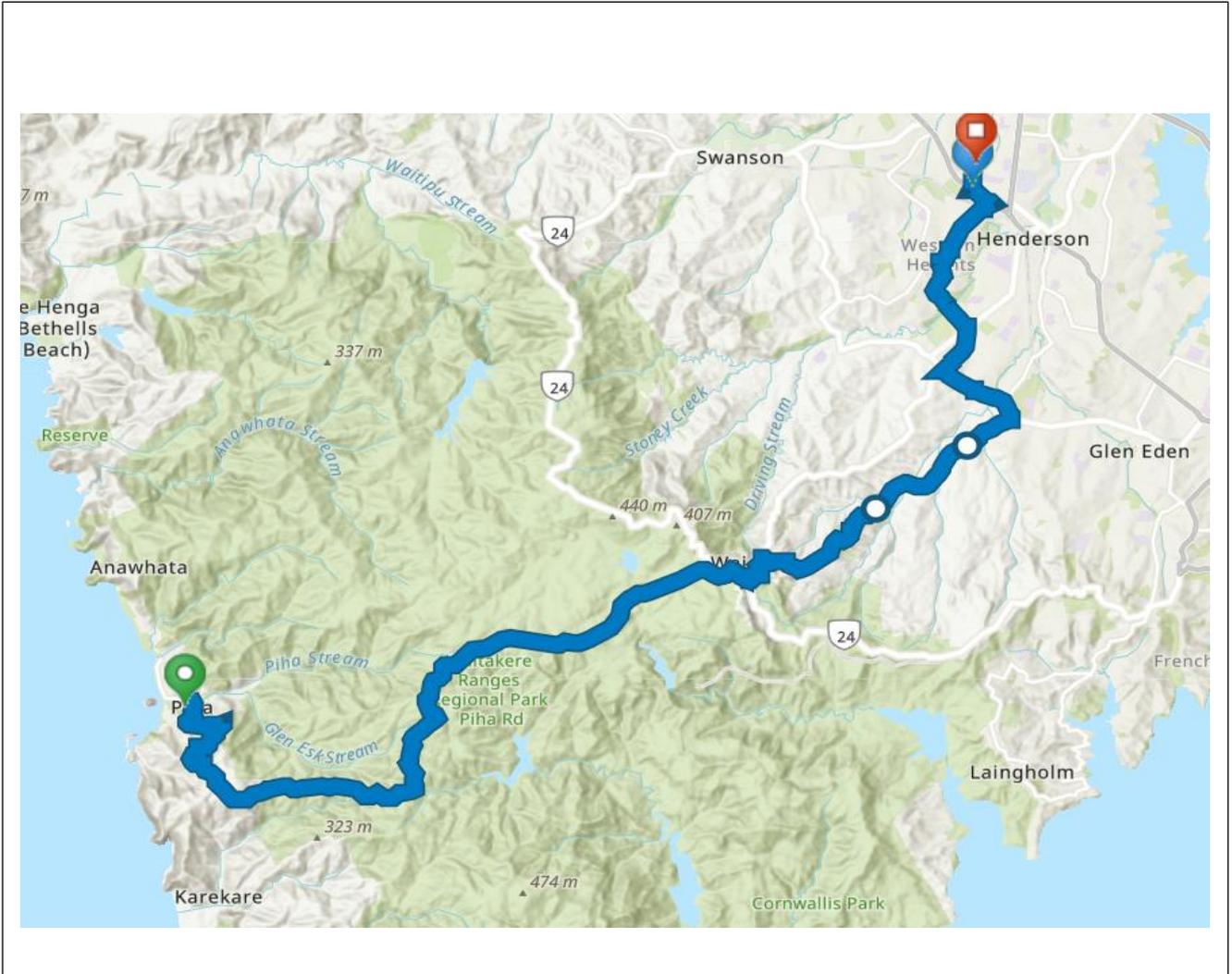
Please contact your child's school for route maps, timetables, and bus stop information.

If you have any queries regarding your school's bus services, including bus passes and bus allocations, please contact your school's Bus Controller.

Nāku noa, nā

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Route and directions for D020308



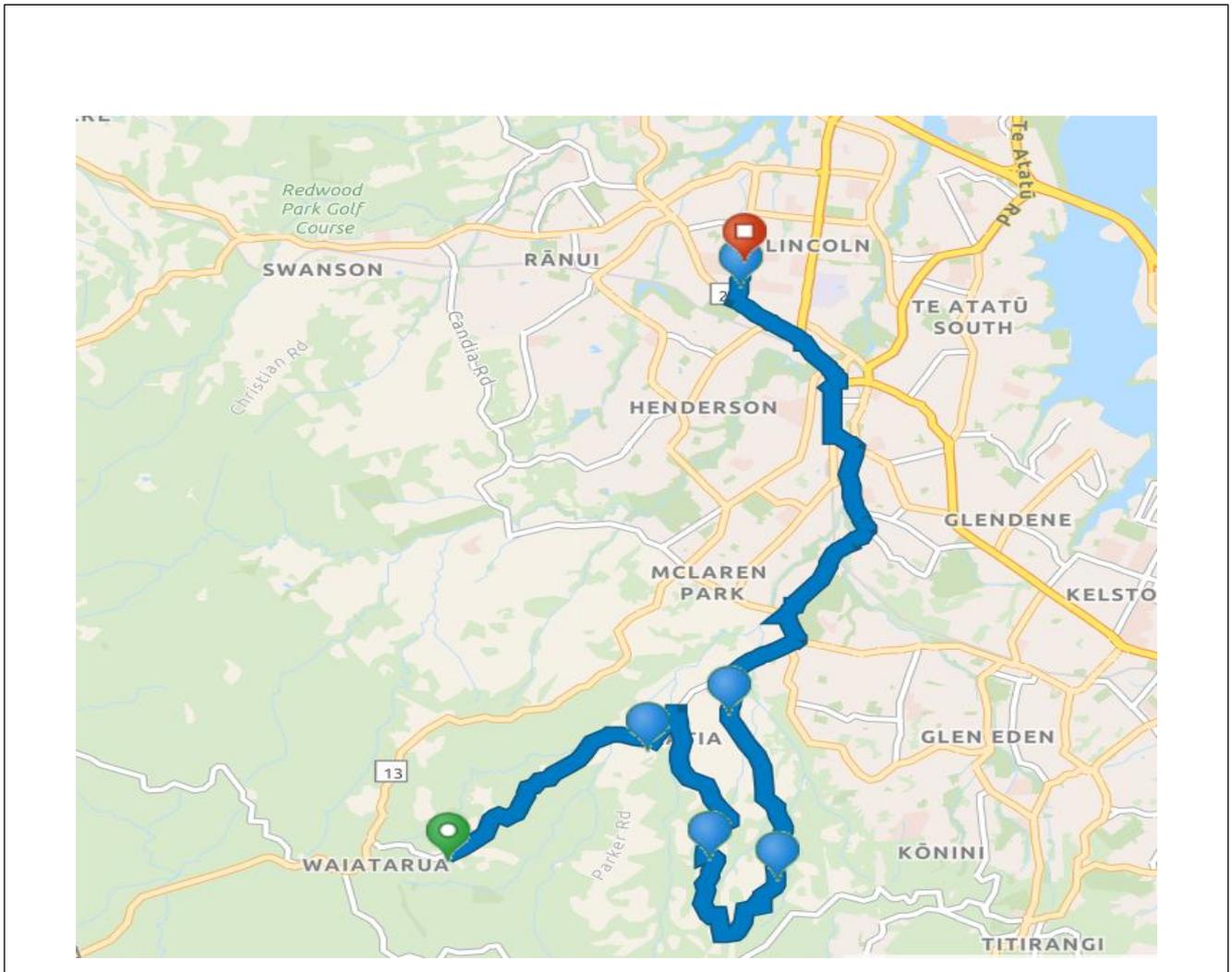
Route details

Route kms	AM	PM	Daily
	27.71	27.71	55.42
Eligible students	Years 1 – 6	Years 7 – 13	Total
	0	58	54
Schools on route	Liston College, St Dominics Catholic College		

Directions

1. Start at 24 Seaview Road, Piha, Auckland, 0772, NZL
2. Go east on Seaview Road toward Rayner Road
3. Bear right on Piha Road
4. Turn right on Scenic Drive (24)
5. Bear left on West Coast Road (13) toward Glen Eden / Henderson
6. Continue east on West Coast Road
7. Continue east on West Coast Road
8. At the roundabout, take the first exit toward Henderson
9. Continue forward on Pine Avenue
10. At the roundabout, take the third exit onto Forest Hill Road toward Henderson
11. At the roundabout, take the second exit onto Border Road
12. At the traffic light, continue forward on Palomino Drive
13. At the roundabout, take the third exit onto Sturges Road
14. At the traffic light, make a sharp left on Swanson Road (24)
15. At the traffic light, turn right on Rathgar Road
16. Arrive at St Dominic's College, 29 Rathgar Rd, Henderson, Auckland, 0610, NZL, on the right
17. Depart St Dominic's College, 29 Rathgar Rd, Henderson, Auckland, 0610, NZL
18. Continue north on Rathgar Road
19. Finish at Liston College, 69 Rathgar Rd, Henderson, Auckland, 0610, NZL, on the right

Route and directions for D020324



Route details

Route kms	AM	PM	Daily
	17.02	17.69	34.71
Eligible students	Years 1 – 6	Years 7 – 13	Total
	0	54	54
Schools on route	Liston College, St Dominics Catholic College		

Directions

1. Start at bus shelter opposite 832 West Coast Road, Oratia, Auckland, 0604
2. Go northeast on West Coast Road
3. At the roundabout, take the first exit toward Henderson
4. Arrive at Parrs Cross Road, Glen Eden, Auckland, 0612, NZL, on the left
5. Depart Parrs Cross Road, Glen Eden, Auckland, 0612, NZL
6. Continue northwest on Parrs Cross Road
7. Continue forward on Pine Avenue
8. Arrive at Pine Avenue, Henderson, Auckland, 0612, NZL, on the right
9. Depart Pine Avenue, Henderson, Auckland, 0612, NZL
10. Continue northwest on Pine Avenue
11. At the roundabout, take the third exit onto Forest Hill Road toward Henderson
12. At the roundabout, take the second exit onto Border Road
13. Arrive at Border Road, Henderson, Auckland, 0612, NZL, on the left
14. Depart Border Road, Henderson, Auckland, 0612, NZL
15. Continue northwest on Border Road
16. At the traffic light, continue forward on Palomino Drive
17. Arrive at Palomino Drive, Henderson, Auckland, 0612, NZL, on the left
18. Depart Palomino Drive, Henderson, Auckland, 0612, NZL
19. Continue northwest on Palomino Drive
20. At the roundabout, take the third exit onto Sturges Road
21. At the traffic light, make a sharp left on Swanson Road (24)
22. Arrive at Swanson Road, Henderson, Auckland, 0610, on the right
23. Depart Swanson Road, Henderson, Auckland, 0610
24. Continue northwest on Swanson Road (24)
25. At the traffic light, turn right on Rathgar Road
26. Arrive at St Dominic's Catholic College, 29 Rathgar Road, Lincoln, Henderson, Auckland, 0610, NZL, on the right
27. Depart St Dominic's Catholic College, 29 Rathgar Road, Lincoln, Henderson, Auckland, 0610, NZL
28. Continue north on Rathgar Road
29. Finish at Liston College, 69 Rathgar Road, Lincoln, Henderson, Auckland, 0610, NZL, on the right

Piha / Waiaatarua / Oratia school bus timetables

Route D020308 (Piha) – express service effective from 16 March 2026

Direction AM	Stop location	Est. Time
Inbound	Piha General Store, 24 Seaview Road	7:30 am
Inbound	64 Seaview Road	7:32 am
Inbound	98 Seaview Road	7:33 am
Inbound	138 Seaview Road	7:34 am
Inbound	96 Piha Road	7:37 am
Inbound	132 Piha Road	7:39 am
Inbound	Piha Road – 100m after Lone Kauri Road	7:45 am
Inbound	301 Piha Road	7:48 am
Inbound	Carpark at 473 Scenic Drive (Old Elevation Cafe)	7:50 am
Inbound	St Dominic's College & Liston School	8:30 am
Direction PM	Stop location	Est. Time
Outbound	Liston College	3:05 pm
Outbound	St Dominic's College	3:10 pm
Outbound	Waiaatarua Fire Station carpark	3:55 pm
Outbound	Intersection Piha Road and Scenic Drive	3:57 pm
Outbound	Intersection Piha Road and Lone Kauri Road	4:07 pm
Outbound	Intersection Piha Road and Te Ahuahu Road	4:12 pm
Outbound	105 Piha Road	4:13 pm
Outbound	23 Piha Road	4:15 pm
Outbound	96 Seaview Road	4:16 pm
Outbound	73 Seaview Road	4:17 pm
Outbound	Piha General Store	4:20 pm

Please ensure students are at their designated bus stops at least five minutes before the times listed. A more accurate timetable will be confirmed once the routes have been run on the ground.

Only eligible students with a valid bus pass will be able to use these services, and they must only travel on the service they have been allocated to.

Route D020324 (Waiatarua / Oratia) – new route effective from 16 March 2026

Direction AM	Stop location	Est. Time
Inbound	Bus Shelter opposite 832 West Coast Road	7:45 am
Inbound	Oratia Combined Church Carpark	7:50 am
Inbound	Driveway at 68 Carter Road	7:55 am
Inbound	Driveway at 183 Shaw Road	8:00 am
Inbound	Driveway opposite 170 Shaw Road	8:02 am
Inbound	St Dominic's & Liston College	8:25 am
Direction PM	Stop location	Est. Time
Outbound	Liston College	3:05 pm
Outbound	St Dominic's College	3:10 pm
Outbound	Driveway at 170 Shaw Road	3:40 pm
Outbound	Driveway at 200 Shaw Road	3:42 pm
Outbound	Driveway at 60 Carter Road	3:45 pm
Outbound	Oratia Combined Church Carpark	3:55 pm
Outbound	Cnr West Coast Road and Bush Road	4:00 pm

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