

Of the thirty-nine secondary schools, thirteen are for boys, thirteen for girls, and nine are mixed schools. Four of the schools under (a) are not in operation—namely, Akaroa, Greymouth, Hokitika, and Waimate. At these places secondary education is carried on in the secondary departments of district high schools, of which the High School Boards supply some financial assistance.

The number of district high schools in 1920 was fifty-nine, technical high schools nine, Maori secondary schools ten, and private secondary schools registered under the Education Act, 1914, eighteen, making a total of one hundred and thirty-one schools affording secondary education. A separate secondary school for girls was opened at Palmerston North.

ROLL AND ATTENDANCE.

(Tables K1, K2, and L1 in E.-6.)

The total number of pupils attending the thirty-five secondary schools included under (a), (b), and (c) above at the end of 1919 and 1920 respectively was—

	1919.			1920.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Roll (exclusive of lower departments) ..	5,054	4,014	9,068	5,246	3,950	9,196
Number in lower departments ..	392	294	686	454	361	815
Totals	5,446	4,308	9,754	5,700	4,311	10,011

The roll number, excluding the lower departments, shows an increase of 128 over the figure for the previous year, there being 192 more boys and 64 fewer girls. The number of new entrants was 242 less than in 1919, the decrease being in the number of girls. The roll number on 1st March, which is regarded as the highest roll number during the year, was 10,080.

The following are some of the figures in connection with the roll and attendance of schools in which secondary education is given :—

(a.) SECONDARY SCHOOLS (Lower Departments excluded).

Roll number at end of 1920	9,196
Roll number, 1st March, 1920	10,080
Average attendance for the year 1920	9,130
Number of new entrants, 1920	4,183
Number of first-year pupils	3,500
Number of second-year pupils	2,780
Number of third-year pupils	1,609
Number of fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-year pupils	1,307
Number of pupils at end of year under thirteen years of age	70
Number of pupils at end of year between thirteen and fourteen years of age	596
Number of pupils at end of year between fourteen and fifteen years of age	2,250
Number of pupils at end of year between fifteen and sixteen years of age	2,814
Number of pupils at end of year over sixteen years of age	3,466

(b.) SECONDARY DEPARTMENTS OF DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.

Number on roll at end of 1920	2,157
Mean of average weekly roll—Boys, 1,218 ; girls, 1,325 : total	2,543
Average attendance	2,286
Number of new entrants from public primary schools	1,528
Number of first-year pupils	1,143
Number of second-year pupils	601
Number of third-year pupils	413

(c.) TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

Number on roll at end of 1920—Boys, 1,485 ; girls, 1,281 : total	2,766
Number under thirteen years of age	95
Number between thirteen and fourteen years of age	548
Number between fourteen and fifteen years of age	963
Number over fifteen years of age	1,160

(d.) REGISTERED PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Number on roll at end of 1920—Boys, 664 ; girls, 775 : total	1,439
Average attendance, 1920	1,374
Number under thirteen years of age	36
Number between thirteen and fourteen years of age	102
Number between fourteen and fifteen years of age	300
Number over fifteen years of age	1,001
Number of teachers—Male, 37 ; female, 31 : total	68

(e.) SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR MAORIS.

Number on roll at end of 1920	474
Average attendance, 1920	415