

## Maximum Teaching Time – Area Schools

An area schoolteacher is entitled to time each week during their school's scheduled teaching time, where they are not required to teach in front of the classroom.

These hours are called non-contact time and are used for other duties, such as administrative responsibilities, and attending to the pastoral needs of students.

### Full-time Teachers

Full-time teachers who mostly **teach years 7-13** (for 80 per cent or more of their teaching time) will have a maximum timetabled classroom teaching time of 20 hours per week.

Full-time teachers **predominantly teaching years 1-6** will have an average maximum timetabled classroom teaching time of 23.5 hours per week. This will decrease in stages: from term 3 2024 it will decrease to 23 hours per week, from term 1, 2025 it will decrease to 22.5 hours per week.

### Part-time Teachers

Clause 4.2.3 of the Area School Teachers' Collective Agreement sets out the maximum timetabled classroom teaching time for part-time teachers who **mostly teach years 7-13**.

#### [Clause 4.2.3 – Area School Teachers' Collective Agreement](#)

Clause 4.2.4 (b) of the collective agreement provides that part-time teachers (0.8 full-time teaching equivalent or more) who **predominantly teach years 1-6** shall have an average maximum timetabled classroom teaching time of 0.94 of the hours for which they're employed. From term 3 2024, the maximum average timetabled teaching time shall decrease to the equivalent of 0.92 of the hours for which they are employed. From term 1 2025, it shall decrease to the equivalent of 0.90 of the hours for which they are employed.

#### [Clause 4.2.4 \(b\) – Area Schools Teachers' Collective Agreement](#)

### Board responsibilities – maximum teaching time

Your school's board is responsible for the policy on what non-contact time can be used for, as set out in clause 4.1 of the collective agreement.

#### [Clause 4.1 – Area School Teachers' Collective Agreement](#)

The board can delegate the development of the policy to the principal, in consultation with teachers. The board then needs to approve the final policy and ensure it meets the provisions of the Area School Teachers' Collective Agreement, see Clause 4.2 – Area School Teachers' Collective Agreement.