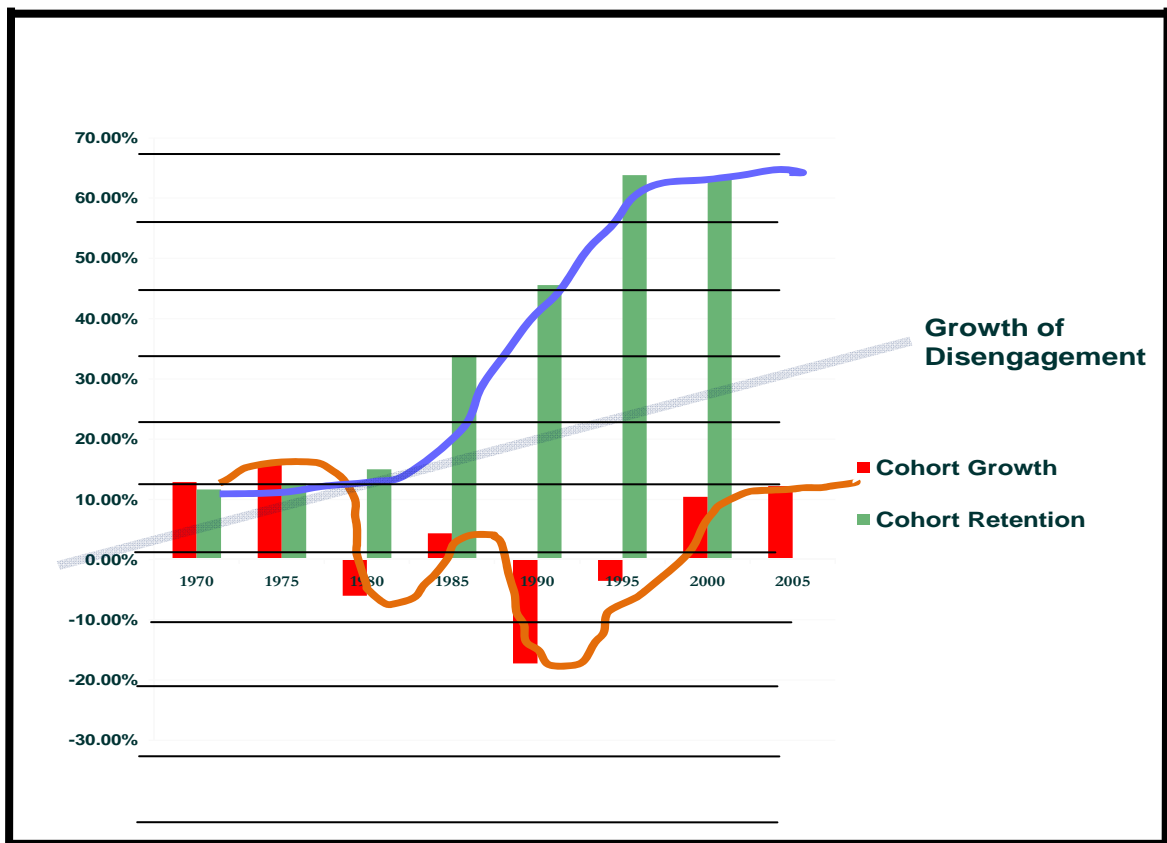




## IDEA CARD: Growth of Disengagement

During the period 1975 – 2000 significant changes occurred in New Zealand education that led to the dramatic increase in the proportion of secondary school students who stayed at school longer. In the mid-seventies about 10% of each cohort stayed for five years and by the end of the century that number had grown to 65%.

It is during this period that the phenomenon of disengagement developed.



The proportion of each cohort staying at school for five years



The growth (both positive and negative) of the secondary school cohort

During the period 1975 – 2000 saw many opportunities for 16 year olds to leave school and continue their education and training were stripped out of the community for a range of reasons which going unemployment, decrease in on--the-job training, night classes become more recreational, apprenticeships greatly reduced, technology impacts on some occupations and unskilled or low skilled employment reduces and is increasingly devalued.