

# Cater for diverse learners

A suggestion for implementing the strategy 'Leading learning to support inclusive practices' from the Guide: Leading inclusive

schools

**Includes:** Understand the "end of the average"

Create an inclusive, welcoming culture

Value what each student brings

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### Understand the "end of the average"

Todd Rose talks about "the end of the average" and issues with industrial age one-size-fits-all education. He talks about "meeting every kid where they're at" as the key to future success.



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#### Source:

The 74 (YouTube)

https://www.the74million.org/article/the-74-interview-you-dont-think-your-child-is-average-harvards-todd-rose-doesnt-either/

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# Create an inclusive, welcoming culture

"Inclusive education....
means all learners are
welcomed by their local
early learning service
and school, and are
supported to play, learn,
contribute and
participate in all aspects
of life at the school or
service."

Source: Inclusive education – Ministry of

Education

- Welcome all learners regardless of the complexity of their needs.
- Develop systems for smooth and well planned transitions into school.
- Work in partnership with learners, whānau, teachers, teaching assistants and support specialists to provide support from the outset.
- Foster a caring, safe and respectful whole-school environment.
- Foster the identity, language and culture of all learners.
- Share clear and specific expectations for the student's individual learning journey.

#### Adapted from:

What an inclusive school looks like - Ministry of Education

**Enhancing staff capability at Newtown School** – Education Gazette

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## Value what each student brings

Many
aspects of
students'
lives remain
hidden
unless we
offer
multiple
opportunities
to share
stories and
experiences
and connect
these to
learning.

John
Robinson,
HoD
Learning
Support at
Onslow
College,
reflects on
how
inclusive
practice is
developing
across the
school.



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#### Source:

Ministry of Education, inclusive education videos http://vimeo.com/album/2950799

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## Design your school environments for everyone

A learning environment will work well for everyone only if it is designed to do so.
Design to include all students, particularly those experiencing barriers to learning.

Read these school stories from the Education Gazette:

- Creating inclusive environments
- A korowai of awhi and wellbeing
- The journey to a more inclusive education system

See the **Planning innovative learning environments** guide for design information on:

- flexible use of spaces
- reflecting cultural perspectives
- supporting gender and sexuality perspectives
- supporting mobility needs, social and sensory needs
- supporting wellbeing and belonging.

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# **Develop inclusive classroom environments**

Justine
Henderson
from
Berhampore
School talks
about how
they have
designed a
flexible
classroom
that is
responsive
to varying
student
needs.



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#### Source:

Classroom Layout to support all students' learning and wellbeing https://vimeo.com/showcase/2950799/video/159138467

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# Planning innovative learning environments

See Design for all from the outset within the Planning innovative learning environments (ILEs) guide.



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