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Include students' languages and cultures in classroom practice and lesson planning

A suggestion for implementing the strategy 'Value what each student brings ' from the Guide: Inclusive classroom culture

Includes:

Engage student languages

Utilise personal experiences

Use first language texts

Create authentic contexts

Useful resources

Engage student languages

Rae Siʻilata, urges educators to create opportunities for students to bring their language into the classroom.

Video hosted on Vimeo http://vimeo.com/190931605

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Source:
NZC Online (NZ)
https://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/Curriculum-resources/Media-gallery/Cultural-diversity/Cultural-diversity-in-the-classroom

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Utilise personal experiences

Connect learning materials to student experiences. Consider how you will plan to:

- ask students about interests and personal experiences
- learn about the cultural background of your students
- use students' interests to support the selection of materials and contexts for learning
- enable learners to see and connect to their culture e.g. signs, choice of texts, poetry, art and music
- enable learners to use their first language, for example providing texts in the different languages fiction and non-fiction books and magazines
- work with learners to give agency, voice and choice over content.

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Use first language texts

Source:
Literacy Online
https://literacyonline.tki.org.nz/Literacy-Online/Planning-for-my-students-needs/Pasifika-dual-language-books

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Create authentic contexts

Julie McLaughlin recounts how she adjusted lesson contexts to make them relevant.

Video hosted on Vimeo http://vimeo.com/111161803

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Source:
Te Mangōroa (NZ)
http://temangoroa.tki.org.nz/Video-stories/TMK-Culture-counts-1

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Useful resources

Thumbs Up! An introduction to New Zealand Sign Language

An introduction to New Zealand Sign Language that supports teaching and learning NZSL as an additional language in English-medium schools for students in years 7–8.

Publisher:

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Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy (Apple App Store)

This book is available as an interactive QBook. It has video narration in three sign languages; NZSL, AUSLAN, and ASL.

Publisher: Kiwa Digital Limited

Price: **One off charge**

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Ministry of Education – Ready to Read (Apple App Store)

Some of the Ready to Read series is available in NZSL as apps for iPhone and iPad

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