

Strengthen a supportive peer culture

A suggestion for implementing the strategy
'Establish a respectful class climate' from the
Guide: [Inclusive classroom culture](#)

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- Encourage peer support
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Encourage peer support

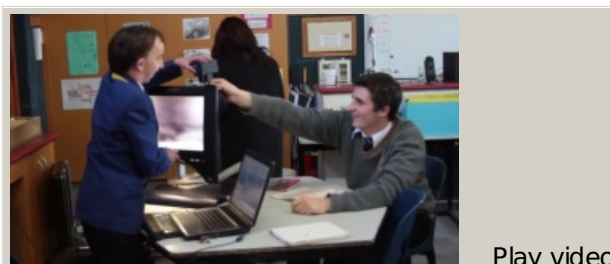
Recognise and value the practical support peers can give to each other.

Source: [Enabling e-Learning \(NZ\)](#) Closed Captions

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<http://elearning.tki.org.nz/Teaching/Inclusive-classrooms/Universal-Design-for-Learning/Partnership-with-peers-supports-effective-access-to-learning>



Video hosted on Vimeo <http://vimeo.com/61762057>

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Utilise group work


Create opportunities where students can work together and utilise their strengths.

Source: [Ministry of Education, inclusive education videos \(NZ\)](#)

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Source:

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<http://vimeo.com/album/2950799>

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Discuss friendships

An animated video to support junior classes to talk about friendships.

Source: [Start Empathy \(UK\)](#) No captions or transcript

Source:

[Start Empathy \(UK\)](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qac8BPXMUtg>

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Develop peer tutoring approaches

The advantages of peer tutoring.

Benefits for tutees

- more individual teaching
- gains in learning
- gains in social/relationship skills, for example, communicating, accepting help
- improvement in attitude towards learning
- improvement in self-esteem

Benefits for tutors

- practice/reinforcement of skills at earlier levels
- gains in learning
- insight into the learning process
- development of social/relationship skills, for example, listening, encouraging
- development of responsibility
- development of self-esteem

Benefits for teachers

- increased opportunity to interact effectively with a range of individual students
- more effective use of time
- greater coverage of individual needs
- opportunities to observe students at work, and to assess skills

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Strengthen collaborative strategies

Consider how to build peer-to-peer support through your learning activities and class culture.

A skilled teacher optimises task sequences, not only to directly facilitate the different stages of learning cycles for individual students, but also to build up a peer learning culture that can intensify the challenges and supports for learning.

Source: [Quality Teaching for Diverse Students in Schooling: Best Evidence Synthesis \(p. 91\)](#)

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<https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/publications/series/2515/5959>

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Useful resources



Teaching strategies for inclusive classrooms part 2: Peer tutoring

Read time: 3 min

Publisher: Ministry of Education | Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga

[Download PDF \(6.2 MB\)](#)



Teaching strategies for inclusive classrooms part 1: Cooperative learning

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Summary of literature review findings

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