

Gather information to inform practice

A suggestion for implementing the strategy 'Identify needs and how to provide support'

from the Guide: Dyspraxia and learning

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Get the right people around the table

Bring together a team to work in partnership with ākonga and their whānau.

- ✓ Discuss with ākonga and their whānau who could be part of a supportive team, for example, the learning support coordinator, RTLB, support worker, dean.
- ✓ Consider asking colleagues who have experience teaching students with dyspraxia if they would like to contribute.
- ✓ Consider connecting to external expertise or agencies.
- **✓** Build regular times for communication.

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Seek external expertise

Professor Amanda Kirby describes how occupational therapy can help students with dyspraxia.



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Take an inquiry approach

Develop a responsive evidenced-based process of working together that supports students' self advocacy.

- Support the akonga and whanau to lead and guide the conversation.
- Work collaboratively to identify key learning goals, responsibilities and what success would look like.
- Share concerns, questions, and ideas.
- Consider ākonga strengths as well as barriers to learning.
- Identify how solutions or strategies will be implemented, refined and reviewed.
- Discuss how to assess learning in ways that work for the student.
- Agree on how to stay in touch and share information.

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Share information using digital tools

John
Robinson
reflects on
the value of
sharing
information
using the
school SMS
and
student eportfolios.



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Gather useful data

Gather qualitative and quantitative data to build a full picture of the student's strengths, needs and preferences.

Qualitative data examples:

- student and whānau voice, feedback, surveys and discussions
- ākonga, kaiako and peers share experiences and impacts
- reflections on learning and real time reporting techniques.

Quantitative data examples:

- skills assessments and observations
- social interaction observations
- learning behaviour observations.

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Useful resources



Working together

Template for collaborative decision making.

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Everyone's In

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Assessment for learning

Lading local curriculum guide series on using the right tools and resources to notice and respond to progress across the curriculum.

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