# Support understanding



A suggestion for implementing the strategy 'Helpful classroom strategies years 9-13' from the Guide: FASD and learning

# Includes:Keep verbal information brief and to the point<br/>Use visual timelines<br/>Develop an online space<br/>Provide clear, concise explanations<br/>Use digital technologies<br/>Useful resources

## Keep verbal information brief and to the point

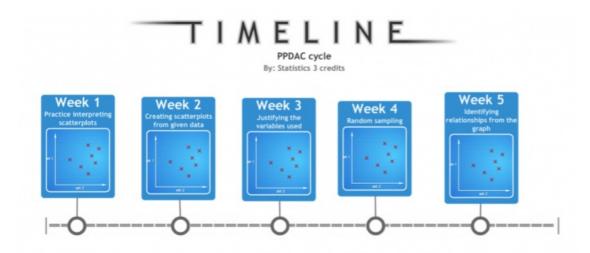
Listening to teachers make speeches. I can't handle that.

I ... just sat there looking at the book. So I can read it okay, but I can't listen to it properly. It's like "What?"

And then I totally, I had to ask somebody, and then by the time I am asking somebody the question or the answer, then I've already lost the next part too.

Student

# Use visual timelines



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#### Develop an online space

Anywhere anytime access to lessons by students, tutors and/or family enables a support network. Set up an online space with information and resources to support current areas of learning for your students.

Make the space easy to navigate and include links to:

- videos that explain and/or demonstrate concepts
- easy to understand information
- assignment tasks, worksheets or handouts
- your email address so students or their parents can ask questions.

Examples:

• Pakuranga College – Year 10 Maths

## Provide clear, concise explanations

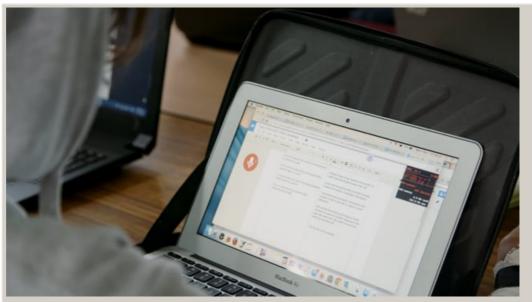
I would like teachers to know that we learn differently than others. Simple tasks like taking notes are very difficult. Teachers need to explain things in simple words.

Student

# Use digital technologies

Wellington High School teacher, Ben Britton explains the benefits 1-1 devices provide his students.

Tools such as a screen reader improve accessibility.



Video hosted on Vimeo http://vimeo.com/160672115 Closed Captions

Source: Enabling e-Learning (NZ) https://elearning.tki.org.nz/Teaching/Inclusive-practice/Supporting-Englishlanguage-learners/BYOD-supporting-inclusion

#### **Useful resources**



Secondary framework: Teaching and learning strategies to support secondary aged students with foetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD)

Read time: 45 min

This resource provides a series of practical classroom strategies to support learning for students with FASD.

Publisher: National Organisation on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome UK

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