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
Use visual timelines
Develop an online space
Provide clear, concise explanations
Use digital technologies
Useful resources

Keep verbal information brief and to the point

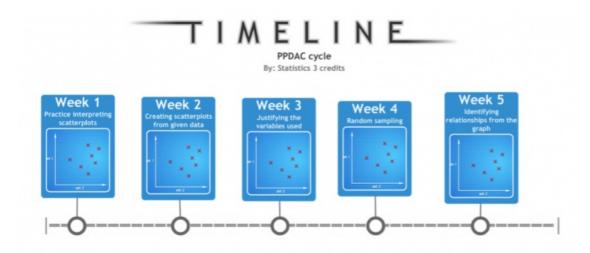
Listening to teachers make speeches. I can't handle that.

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

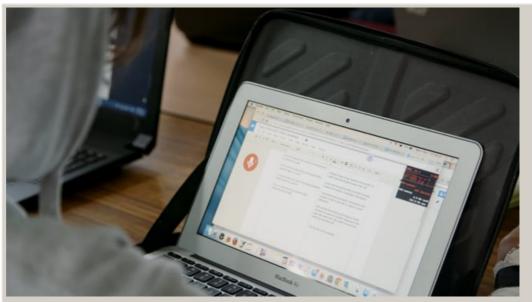
I would like teachers to know that we learn differently than others. Simple tasks like taking notes are very difficult. Teachers need to explain things in simple words.

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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