

Organisations, programmes and resources

A suggestion for implementing the strategy
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Connect to specialist agencies

Utilise the expertise of local and national agencies.

- ▲▲ [BLENNZ: Blind and Low Vision Education Network](#) – the national network of services for students and their families.
- ▲▲ [BLENNZ Learning Library](#) – a growing collection of reflections on their work by Resource Teachers of Vision.
- ▲▲ [Blind Foundation](#) – a range of resources and services for people who are blind or have low vision. The home of the RNZFB Child and Family worker.
- ▲▲ [Perkins School for the Blind](#) – a hub of online resources related to low vision for teachers and families.
- ▲▲ [American Foundation for the Blind](#) – resources related to low vision.

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Blind and Low Vision Education Network NZ

Most students with low vision in New Zealand are supported by the Blind and Low Vision Education Network or BLENNZ.

BLENNZ is a school made up of a national network of educational services for students who are blind, deafblind or have low vision.

A student can be referred to BLENNZ when they have seen an ophthalmologist who identifies that they are eligible for services from BLENNZ.

When a student is enrolled with BLENNZ, a Resource Teacher of Vision (RTV) is assigned to the student and their family. This RTV works in partnership with the student, the family, the class teacher and the RNZFB child, youth and family worker. Together they work to support the student's learning.

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Blind Foundation

Blind Foundation Child and Family worker, Gary Veenstra, talks about his role supporting students with low vision and their parents and whānau.

Note the Blind Foundation was formally called the RNZFB.

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Information for teaching children and young people

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