

# What to ask whānau

Connect with the family to understand the student's strengths and needs.

Find out about:

## people in the student's life:

- parent, family, and whānau hopes and priorities for them
- the important people in the student's life
- the best methods and times to communicate with parents and whānau
- the professionals working with the family and whānau
- the questions they have and the support they would like from the school.

## practical elements:

- the language/s spoken at home
- students' medications and allergies
- the equipment used at home
- what they do at home to support learning.

## student's likes and dislikes:

- their likes, interests, what they're good at, need help with, and can do independently
- their dislikes, what can upset them, how they express this, and their calming skills
- their favourite hobbies, books, songs, sports, TV programmes.

Bring this information together in a profile that is shared with the student, parents, and whānau.

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