

Design culturally responsive learning contexts

Creating culturally responsive learning contexts and co-constructing learning enables every student to bring their experiences into the classroom context.

- Provide opportunities for ākonga Māori who speak te reo Māori to teach the class some basic vocabulary.
- Include holidays and festivals that are important to your ākonga Māori in learning activities.
- Establish classroom communication practices that include te reo Māori.
- Support ākonga Māori to understand new vocabulary or unfamiliar instructions by providing visual cues and translating key words into te reo Māori.
- Identify how you can specifically include a Māori component into curriculum topics.
- Engage with the Māori school community and whānau to bring their knowledge and expertise into the school.
- Take the time to learn how to pronounce your students' names correctly. Ask students to say their name, listen carefully, and repeat it until you know it. Model the correct pronunciation of students' names to the class so that all students use the correct pronunciation.

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