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## Establish home-school partnerships

Communicate and share information in a meaningful way, demonstrating understanding and support for whānau concerns.

- ▲▲ Develop a shared understanding of tikanga (cultural practices), such as language, customs, obligations, traditions.
- ▲▲ Promote regular kanohi ki te kanohi, face-to-face contact to reinforce strong communication and engagement with parents and whānau right from the start.
- ▲▲ Value what parents, caregivers, and whānau have noticed or assessments they have had done outside school.
- ▲▲ Involve parents and whānau in determining strategies to support student learning and well-being.
- ▲▲ Ask about and work with any programmes or materials being used at home to maximise consistency and support for the student.
- ▲▲ Develop systems for passing on information about a student's needs, progress, and next steps, in ways that are meaningful.
- ▲▲ Regularly communicate positive information and achievements to the whānau.

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