

Build relationships through connection, understanding, and trust

A suggestion for implementing the strategy

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Releasing the potential of cultural capital

Listen to four teachers discuss the cultural capital that all learners bring to their learning context.

Source: [Teaching Council](#)

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<https://vimeo.com/teachingcouncilnz>



Video hosted on Vimeo <http://vimeo.com/350835351>

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Make informed connections

Find out where your Pacific learners were born, the cultures they connect with, and the languages they speak and hear in their families.

Use this knowledge to connect experiences to learning.

Source: [Pasifika Education Community \(NZ\)](#) [View transcript](#)

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<http://pasifika.tki.org.nz/Media-gallery/Engaging-with-Pasifika-parents-families-communities/Diversity-and-Identity>



Video hosted on Vimeo <http://vimeo.com/113879054>

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Culture and the classroom

O tu, aganu'u, ma agaifanua a le tamaititi o le a le mafai ona ulufale atu I le potuaoga sei vagana ua fa'atauaina ma faaulufaleina muamua I le loto ma le agaga o le faiaoga.

The culture of the child cannot enter the classroom until it has first entered the consciousness of the teacher.

Samoan saying

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Support learning relationships

Anthony Faitaua advocates creating a safe environment by understanding the students' culture and values.

Source: [EDtalks \(NZ\)](#) [Closed Captions](#)

Source:

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<http://edtalks.org/#/video/modern-learning-pedagogy-through-pasifika-lens>



Video hosted on Vimeo <http://vimeo.com/108960269>

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Characteristics of a good teacher

According to Pacific learners (and Pacific parents), a "good teacher":

- ↗ understands that my identity, language and culture is important to me
- ↗ pronounces my name and words in my language properly
- ↗ recognises that English might not be my and/ or my parents' first language and communicates with us in a way that we can understand
- ↗ makes an effort to learn and use simple words like saying 'hello' and 'thank you' in my language
- ↗ does research to know more about me, my family and my culture and island nation(s) that we come from
- ↗ understands the values that are important to me such as faith, spirituality (church) and family

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Useful resources

Language enhancing the achievement of Pasifika

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