

# Facilitate a positive environment

Create a warm classroom climate to facilitate positive learning and social behaviours.

- ✓ Set clear boundaries and high standards and expectations.
- ✓ Be fair.
- ✓ Be aware of, acknowledge, and label your own feelings.
- ✓ Acknowledge and affirm students' feelings.
- ✓ Talk through emotional situations.
- ✓ View emotional events as “teachable moments.”
- ✓ Avoid punitive tactics, put-downs, sarcasm and criticism – specify the positive alternatives.
- ✓ Be self-accepting, confident, and secure.
- ✓ Remain calm – your emotional state is mirrored by students.
- ✓ Develop student supports.
- ✓ Accept and empathise with students' feelings
- ✓ Listen with interest.

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