

Ensure every student is known

Reflect on what you know about the students you teach.

If there are gaps in your knowledge, make a plan to fill them.

Use this list as a prompt.

For Māori students, learn about their tribal structures and cultural practice:

- whakapapa (genealogy)
- who they consider to be whānau
- tikanga – cultural values and practices they use (language, customs, traditions)
- about their marae.

People in the student's life:

- important people in the student's life
- who lives at home
- the best methods and times to communicate with parents and whānau
- education or medical professionals that provide support
- who can give support for learning at home.

Practical elements:

- language/s spoken at home
- medications and allergies
- access to wifi and technology at home
- part-time jobs and responsibilities at home.

Personal preferences:

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

Hopes and aspirations:

- short and long term goals
 - ideas for work
 - future dreams.
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