

# Check and connect

Build rapid rapport and connection with the students.

For example:

- Connect, chat and show you care. For example, open a conversation about known interests, whānau, important people, role models.
- Connect and value culture. For example, open a conversation with te reo or aspects of ākonga pepeha, or incorporate tikanga, cultural contexts and whakapapa.
- Connect and tweak the activity. For example, offer visuals, buddy supports or assistive technologies.
- Connect and inquire. For example, ask if ākonga need anything or if they are having any difficulties with the task.
- Connect and offer social and emotional supports. For example, talk about happy places, identify zones of regulation or places in the learning pit.
- Ask another staff member or student to do a check and connect.

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