

Provide opportunities for success

Celebrate diversity by providing opportunities for ākonga to work with others, using their strengths.

Carefully design group or pair-based activities to suit learners and maximise productive interactions.

- Encourage tuakana-teina relationships and create a culture where students provide support for each other.
- Develop cross-cultural communication skills, learning about how conventions for conversation vary across cultures and contexts.
- Teach specific speaking and conversation skills. For example, rehearse ways to start and close a conversation, and to keep the conversation flowing.
- Practise conversation skills, where appropriate for the students, such as maintaining personal space between people, using eye contact, facial expressions and taking turns.
- Provide strategies to help students to listen actively to each other, share ideas, and recognise different points of view. For example, use thinking tools such as De Bono's thinking hats.
- Create social stories that break down a task or social situation into small and easy-to-understand steps, accompanied by descriptive pictures.
- Monitor discussions to ensure that all students understand the task and have opportunities to participate.

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