

Teach learners to enact school values

A suggestion for implementing the strategy 'Embed social and emotional learning' from the Guide: [Behaviour and learning](#)

Includes:

- Keep messages simple
- Display expectations clearly
- Provide examples and practise
- Empower student and teacher leaders

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Keep messages simple

Use a small number of positive school values to guide expectations for kaiako, ākonga, whānau and community.

Reflect on some key considerations.

Are expectations clearly defined, positively stated, and displayed visually?

Have you limited the expectations to between three and five?

Do you use the language from the expectations in regular, everyday contexts?

Have you planned for teaching and practising the routines and expectations?

Have you set up an acknowledgement system, which includes frequent, short and long-term feedback?

Do you have a system in place for student feedback about agreed expectations of the teacher?

Are students reminded of their choices in a calm, positive manner to prevent an escalation in behaviour?

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Display expectations clearly



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[Positive Behaviour for Learning](http://pb4l.tki.org.nz/PB4L-School-Wide/What-is-happening-in-PB4L-School-Wide-schools)

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Provide examples and practise

Provide a range of positive examples so ākonga can enact school values successfully. Offer multiple opportunities to understand and practise ways of enacting the school values.

For example, show positive examples using:

- Visuals
- Stories
- Videos created by students
- Social stories
- Role plays
- Celebrations and awards.

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Empower student and teacher leaders

Staff at Manurewa Intermediate School talk about the importance of leadership and values in creating a positive school culture.



Video hosted on Youtube <http://youtu.be/FoZd6s1Xymg>

Closed Captions

Source:

[Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards](#)

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