

# Know your learner to plan effective teaching and learning

A suggestion for implementing the strategy

'Value what each student brings ' from the

Guide: [Inclusive classroom culture](#)

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## Design flexible learning environments

Brooke  
Houghton  
from Onslow  
College  
describes  
how she  
designs  
flexible  
learning  
environments.



Video hosted on Vimeo <http://vimeo.com/100662339>

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Ministry of Education, inclusive education videos (NZ)

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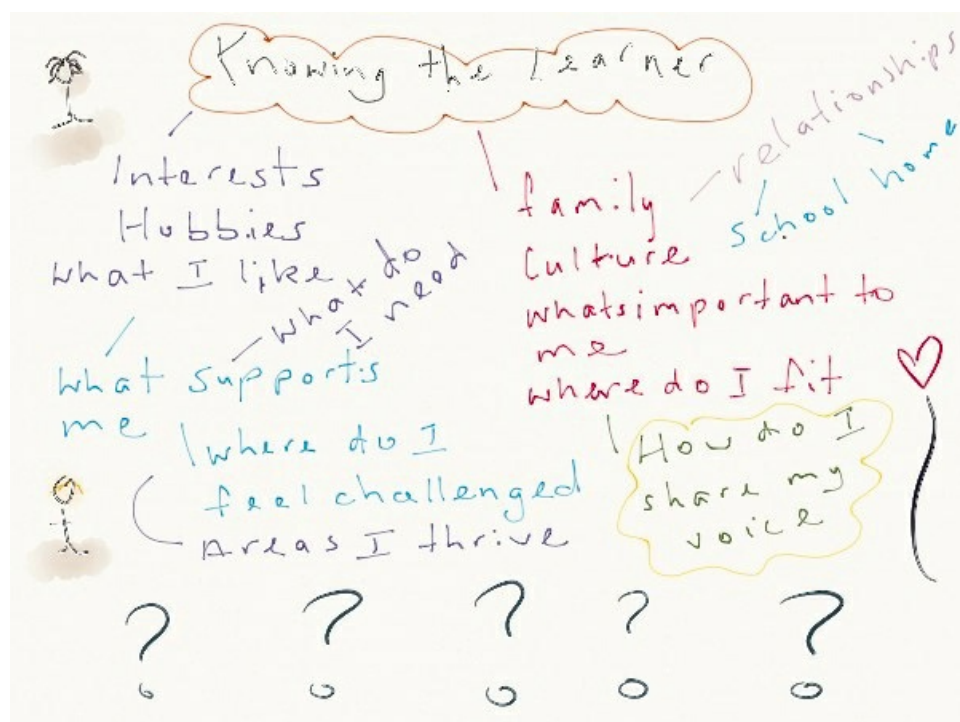
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## Understand students' specific needs

Primary teacher Linda Ojala describes how she builds specific supports and choices for students with dyslexia into her planning.



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## Seek to understand your students culture

Russell  
Bishop talks  
about  
incorporating  
culturally  
responsive  
pedagogy.



Video hosted on Vimeo <http://vimeo.com/111160942>

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Source:

Te Kotahitanga (NZ)

<https://tekotahitanga.tki.org.nz/Videos/Interviews/Changing-Maori-educational-experiences>

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## Useful resources



### Tātaiako: Cultural competencies for teachers of ākonga Māori

Read time: 29 min

Tātaiako is a starting point for schools and early childhood education (ECE) services developing cultural competence.

Publisher: Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand

[Visit website](#)



### Putting student relationships first

Read time: 5 min

This section on New Zealand curriculum online offers strategies for developing positive student/teacher relationships. It provides school stories and resources.

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