

# Develop schoolwide systems for identification and support

A suggestion for implementing the strategy

'Develop a schoolwide approach' from the

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## Early identification systems

Researcher Sue Dymock and principal Fiona Bradley explain the purpose and processes for screening, teacher training, ongoing monitoring, and assessment to support successful learning.



Video hosted on Youtube <http://youtu.be/jOd3AuMNEbU>

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## Develop an agreed pathway for identifying learners' needs

Take a collaborative approach with literacy leaders, SENCOs, and learning support coordinators. Work together to develop a clearly understood pathway for identifying and supporting the needs of all learners, including those with dyslexia, across your school or cluster.

Consider:

- how initial concerns expressed by a classroom teacher or parent will be recorded, addressed, and followed-up
- what processes and tools will be employed for identifying students not progressing as expected with literacy learning – the Ministry recommend the process in *The New Zealand Dyslexia Handbook* (pages 61–75) as an interim tool while further more comprehensive resources are developed
- how support will be coordinated across the school and between schools in your cluster
- your process for accessing additional support and teacher training to ensure early intervention and ongoing support
- your process and tools for ongoing monitoring, assessment, and targeted interventions.

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## Identify ways to gather information

### Kohikohi – Gathering information to deepen understanding

Least intrusive, most inclusive



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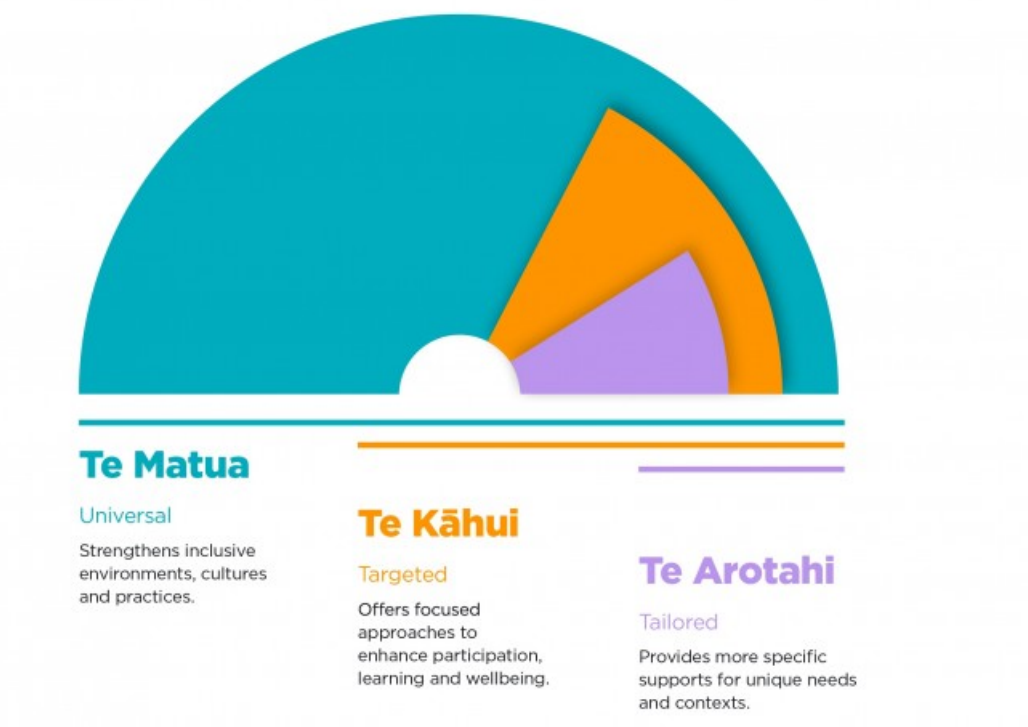
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## Integrating supports



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## Record and share information

John Robinson reflects on the value of using the SMS to share information about students between staff and using e-portfolios to share information with parents.



Video hosted on Vimeo <http://vimeo.com/100662394>

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## Useful resources



### Dyslexia check chart

A checklist for quality evidence-based practice in New Zealand schools for students who present with literacy learning differences such as dyslexia.

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