

Familiarise yourself with the Expanded Core Curriculum for students with low vision

A suggestion for implementing the strategy

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The Expanded Core Curriculum

The Expanded Core Curriculum helps learners with low vision to access and participate in the regular curriculum, and achieve positive learning outcomes. It is complementary to *Te Whāriki* and *The New Zealand Curriculum* and does not replace them.

The Expanded Core Curriculum has been adopted internationally. It is incorporated in the **BLENNZ Curriculum** (2017).

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Areas of learning

Areas of learning in the
The Expanded Core
Curriculum.

- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Sensory efficiency
- ✓ Physical abilities
- ✓ Orientation and mobility
- ✓ Social skills
- ✓ Life skills
- ✓ Technologies
- ✓ Career and future planning

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Ideas to support living skills

Tactile markers are used to support independence when cooking.



Video hosted on Youtube <http://youtu.be/ViCoZbEt1yo>

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Support orientation and mobility skills

Work with your RTV to ensure strategies and approaches students use in "out of school" activities are supported in the classroom.



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Useful resources



Understanding vision impairment in children - Lily Grace

Eight-year-old Lily-Grace and her mum describe how low vision affects PE, reading, and social play, and what adjustments let her join in confidently.

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