

Support successful use of AAC

Support students who use AAC systems with guidance from the student's speech-language therapist.

- ✓ Make sure the AAC system is consistently available, in and across settings.
- ✓ Model communication using their system.
- ✓ Respond to AAC communication promptly, appropriately, and consistently.
- ✓ Prompt ākonga to use their AAC system when making requests and expressing themselves.
- ✓ Help them to give language to what they are feeling, especially after experiencing challenges.
- ✓ Set up opportunities to teach use of the AAC system. Schedule daily practice sessions and embed opportunities throughout the day.
- ✓ Teach peers how to use the AAC system. If possible, give peers their own system.

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