

Support Pacific learners with English as a second language

A suggestion for implementing the strategy 'Build a culturally responsive environment' from the Guide: [Pacific learners](#)

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Create digital stories

Kimi Ora
Community
School
teacher,
Bridget
Harrison
shares how
they use
digital
stories to
support
students
with English
as a second
language.



Video hosted on Vimeo <http://vimeo.com/62757811>

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Source:

[Enabling e-Learning \(NZ\)](#)

<http://elearning.tki.org.nz/Teaching/Learning-areas/English/Improving-student-writing-with-digital-stories>

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Utilise students' first language

Students like being able to work in two languages.

Offer students the opportunity to discuss learning in their first language.



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[Pasifika Education Community \(NZ\)](http://pasifika.tki.org.nz/Media-gallery/Language-enhancing-the-achievement-of-Pasifika-LEAP/Being-bilingual2)

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Bilingual benefits

Develop a school-wide policy to support the use and development of students' first languages.

Encourage students to use all their languages in the classroom to support each other in understanding new concepts.



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Support assessment

Filimanaia Akata Galuvao outlines how culture, background knowledge, and experiences play a vital part in student assessment.



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[EDtalks \(NZ\)](#)

<http://edtalks.org/#/video/samoan-students-dance-beat-new-zealand-assessments>

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Use first language texts



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Useful resources



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