

# Build a nurturing environment

Create an environment that nurtures and values diverse cultural backgrounds so that learners feel supported, respected, and are able to uphold their cultural identity in their learning environment.

So one message I want to get out to everyone, to our teachers, to our students, and to the people of our community is to be proud of who you are, to be confident with your culture, to be confident with yourself and your background behind you because everyone has a story behind them.

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[Tapasā: The importance of identity](https://tapasa.tki.org.nz/teaching-stories/who-am-i/the-importance-of-identity/)

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