

Facilitate positive peer relationships

A suggestion for implementing the strategy
'Support and strengthen peer relationships'
from the Guide: [Positive peer relationships](#)

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- Includes:**
- Create a supportive peer culture
 - Ideas to support friendships
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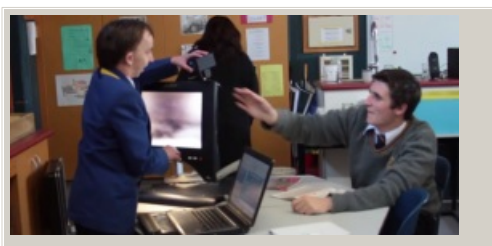
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Create a supportive peer culture

Two year 13 students reflect on the way they support each other to make school work.



Video hosted on Vimeo <http://vimeo.com/61762057>

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Source:

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

<https://elearning.tki.org.nz/Teaching/Inclusive-practice/Universal-Design-for-Learning/Partnership-with-peers-supports-effective-access-to-learning>

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Ideas to support friendships

- ✓ Create opportunities to talk about how to build conversations, expand interactions, and be a good friend.
- ✓ Be a positive role model and respect individual differences. Model respect, caring, patience, and positive interactions.
- ✓ Promote connections around common interests.
- ✓ Provide opportunities for ongoing student connections.
- ✓ Help students to join ongoing group activities and support roles where they can participate and contribute fully.
- ✓ Share information about emergent friendships with parents so that they can arrange for students to get together outside class.

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Utilise peer tutors and helpers



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Talk about how to make friends

An animated video to support younger students with talking about making and keeping friends.



Video hosted on Youtube <http://youtu.be/qac8BPXMUtg>

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Source:

[Start Empathy \(UK\)](#)

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Using technology to build friendships

A parent describes how using Facetime has helped her son with Aspergers connect with his classmates.



Video hosted on Vimeo <http://vimeo.com/105617229>

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Source:

[Enabling e-Learning](#)

<https://elearning.tki.org.nz/Teaching/Inclusive-practice/Supporting-English-language-learners/Making-friends-using-facetime>

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Useful resources



Impact: Promising practices to support friendships in inclusive classrooms

This site provides a list of ways that professionals and parents can help support friendships.

Publisher: University of Minnesota

[Visit website](#)



Teaching guide: Being friends for grades K-5

Classroom activities to support students to learn how to make and be a good friend.

Publisher: Live Wire Media

[Visit website](#)



Everyone belongs in our schools: A parent's handbook on inclusive education

This guide includes a list of ways educators can encourage interactions and support friendships between students.

Publisher: Inclusion BC

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