

# Talk with the student and consider a learner profile

A suggestion for implementing the strategy

'Get to know the student' from the Guide:

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## Find out about students

Kaiako and ākonga talk about creating environments with students at the centre, where Pacific students have the focus and learning support they need.



Video hosted on Vimeo <http://vimeo.com/120408493>

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## Build connections

Strengthen your own understanding.

- ✓ Create opportunities for the student and those who know them well to share their insights and stories with you.
- ✓ Explore your student’s culture, languages, strengths and interests.
- ✓ Look for connections with your own experiences.
- ✓ Consider where you may need to deepen your knowledge.

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# What to include in a learner profile

A useful profile (whether an official document or questions you might ask) includes information on these topics.

- ✓ Important people
- ✓ Cultural connections and experiences
- ✓ Languages spoken
- ✓ Things the student is good at
- ✓ Memorable life experiences
- ✓ How they like to unwind and relax
- ✓ Likes and interests
- ✓ Dislikes and things they avoid
- ✓ How they like to learn and what helps
- ✓ Things that make it hard for them to learn
- ✓ What they do when they need help

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## Support self-advocacy with learner profiles

Create opportunities where students can tell you what supports their learning and what gets in the way.

Having students create a learner profile for themselves is a great way to have them develop a better and fuller understanding of who they are as learners ...

This develops their independence and places them in a better position to self-advocate for the tools, learning materials, and presentation options that can optimise their learning experiences.

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# Let students personalise learner profiles



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## Useful resources



### Primary school learner profile

An example of a NZ primary school student's learner profile, developed by the adults around her.

[Download](#) DOC (613 KB)



### Secondary school learner profile

An example of a NZ secondary student's learner profile.

[Download](#) PDF (331 KB)



### Developing learner profiles

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This document provides general support and guidance when developing a learner profile. It includes prompts and questions, alongside purpose and benefits for students.

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