

Ako Explored

Six principles for learning and teaching –
A suite of effective resources for improving learner outcomes



Principle 2

Knowing and using targeted and relevant practices to achieve successful outcomes with ākonga, will strengthen and improve ako.

What are the benefits?

Knowing your learners, the demands, and what to do sets a positive platform for learning and will likely improve learners' engagement and success.

What might this look like in practice?

- Mix and match a range of different learning practices to engage all your learners and accommodate their learning preferences.
- Build in practices that encourage active participation and opportunities for your ākonga to engage with the content and each other, and to challenge thinking, fixed practices, or misunderstandings, including your own.

Questions for consideration

How do you know if your teaching is having successful outcomes? What tools can you use to identify this? How do you decide when to make changes?

Where can I find out more?

- View the full document and resources on the Ako Explored webpages on the Ako Aotearoa website. <https://ako.ac.nz/ako-explored>
- Check out the TEC’s Learner Success Framework <https://www.tec.govt.nz/oritetanga-learner-success/new-oritetanga-tertiary-success-for-everyone/learner-success-framework/>
- Look at what Ako Aotearoa courses and resources are available to help you enhance success for all learners. <https://ako.ac.nz/professional-learning/in-house-workshop/>
- See how BCITO | Te Pūkenga Workplace Learning Advisors are already using relevant practices to improve ako and learner outcomes. <https://ako.ac.nz/knowledge-centre/ako-explored/bcito-te-pukenga-relevance-of-the-principles>
- Are you a phenomenal teacher? Check out what works for Pacific People in learning environments. Chu-Fuluifaga, J. & Ikiua-Pasi, J. (2021). *From good to great: The 10 habits of phenomenal educators for Pacific learners in New Zealand tertiary education. Ako Aotearoa.* <https://ako.ac.nz/knowledge-centre/from-good-to-great-the-10-habits-of-phenomenal-educators-for-pacific-learners/full-report/>

Please note: The image on the reverse side is titled ‘Inter-relationships between the principles’, taken from page 15 of the Ako Explored report.



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