

Spotlight on

LEARNING

...why we do what we do

# Learner Agency



Through collaboration and innovation, we all live, learn and grow.



## What is... Learner Agency?



Why it's

Important

At Pauatahanui School we believe that Learners must be at the centre of Learning. The learning environment must recognize the learners as the core participants, encourage learners' active participation, and develop in learners an understanding of their own activity as learners.

In a learning environment where student agency is alive and well you will see...

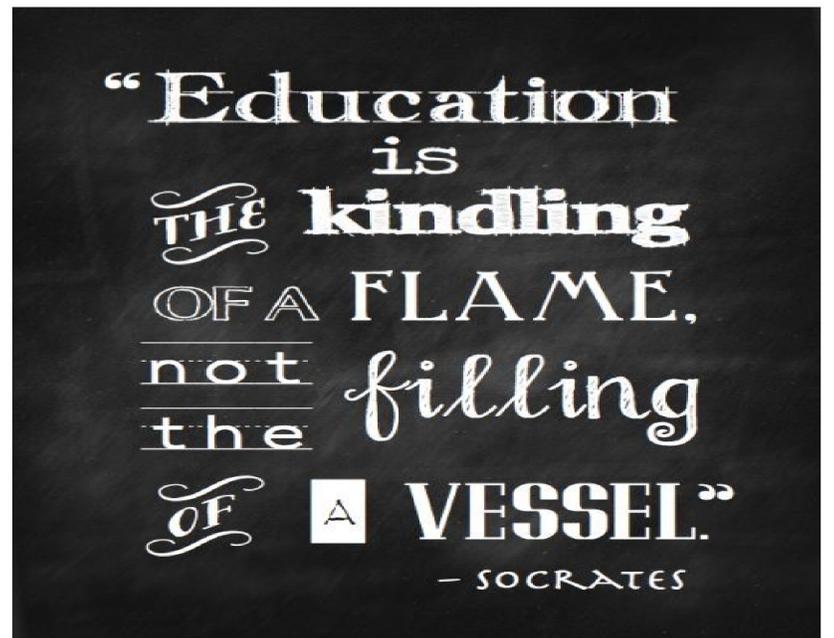
- *Very little whole-class instruction from the teacher.*
- *The teacher talking less than the students.*
- *Ako- You will see students learning from teachers and teachers learning from students.*
- *Students engaged in their learning without the direct input or supervision of the teacher.*
- *ICT used as a powerful tool to grow learner agency.*
- *Students will have an increasing choice over what they learn, how they learn, who they learn from and with, and how they prove and celebrate their learning.*

Providing opportunities for learners to collaborate and to have choice and control over their learning are powerful strategies for increasing both engagement and achievement. Learners are more motivated and engaged in an activity if they have voice and choice in how it is conducted.

Providing choices in learning (whether to work individually or in a group; how I show or prove my learning in a way I chose) is an important factor in engagement, which is in turn a major contributor to student learning and success.

Student agency is embedded in the New Zealand Curriculum's Key Competencies as integral to "the capabilities that young people need for growing, working, and participating in their communities".

Education is no longer about teaching knowledge. Education is should be about enabling learners to use and build on what we know.



Our Values

## P.A.U.A

At Pauatahanui School, learner agency fosters Understanding- Purangiaho Te Maramatanga by providing opportunities for students to take their learning to places where contextualized and conceptual understandings are reached.

It encourages Perseverance- Pokaikaha as agentic learners are confident in themselves as learners. They learn to identify their strengths and next steps, and grow their understanding of how they learn best.

Agentic learners are Ambitious-Awhero and are always looking for ways to improve.

At Pauatahanui School learners are supported and encouraged to have a positive Attitude - Waiaro towards their learning through taking positive action and working with others.

## Student Agency



Links to research

The New Zealand Curriculum Online

<https://bit.ly/2NvaXsD>

Core Education, Edtalks: 'Learner Agency- Derek Wenmoth

<https://bit.ly/2CBOSq0>

Ministry of Education; Key competencies at Primary School

<https://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/Key-competencies>



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