

5 WAYS TO TEACH IN DIVERSE, INCLUSIVE CLASSROOMS

1. KNOW YOUR STUDENTS

- Go beyond the data.
- Learn about students' interests, culture, strengths, and challenges through profiles, check-ins, and inventories.
- Understanding the whole child helps us teach them better.

2. PRIORITISE RELATIONSHIPS

- Trust builds learning.
- Greet students by name, notice their efforts, and listen.
- Strong relationships grow through daily connection.

3. OFFER FLEXIBLE OPTIONS

- Use varied approaches, visuals, technology, movement, and choice, to support diverse learners.
- Try tools like graphic organisers, voice recordings, and choice boards.
- UDL removes barriers, not expectations.

4. CREATE A SAFE, PREDICTABLE ENVIRONMENT

- Predictability builds safety, especially for students with trauma, anxiety, or neurodivergence.
- Use clear routines, visuals, calm spaces, and consistent expectations.
- The goal is emotional safety, not rigid control.

5. TEACH EXPLICITLY AND SCAFFOLD OFTEN

- Don't assume students "just know." Break tasks down, model clearly, and check understanding.
- Use supports like visuals, sentence starters, and worked examples.
- Stay flexible and adjust support as students grow.