

Get Started for Early Childhood Education

Kia ora, ko Christy tōku ingoa, I'm the educator from E Tū Tāngata.

If you want to start implementing the ideas of E Tū Tāngata in your centre, I'm here to get you started.

Firstly, remember that E Tū Tāngata is not another programme for you to fit in, it is a mindset shift, facilitated by the use of shared language. So to start with, you don't have to set aside heaps of time, or find a lot of resources.

E Tū Tāngata is summed up with the three easy-to-remember statements: You Have Value, We Succeed Together and Others Matter.

We call these the strands of E Tū Tāngata, because the three strands, when woven together can bring change.

To make a start, you can simply display the three strands of E Tū Tāngata around your centre and explain to your tamariki what they mean.

You can do this by printing some of our poster downloads, making your own posters with our downloadable files, using the colouring pages or your own design ideas.

Involving whānau through communicating the ideas with them is also a great idea. You can refer them to our website and to this Kete.

Moving forward, continue to refer to E Tū Tāngata and the three strands as things come up in your teaching. It could be to address behaviour, respond to negative self-talk or connect to learning that's happening.

The three strands of You Have Value, We Succeed Together and Others Matter are simple, but profound. You'll find they relate to a lot of things happening, both in learning and in social situations.

Please explore the resources below this video, these are the most important, they set the foundation for understanding E Tū Tāngata.

Once you're familiar with the resources below, go ahead and explore the rest of the Kete (to do that click 'Explore' in the side menu) and use the resources that you think would work in your context. Feel free to take the ideas of E Tū Tāngata and make your own resources or use your own ideas.

We are always keen to hear from teachers who have great ideas, so please get in contact if you have something to share! We really do succeed together.

Remember, this doesn't have to be hard or complicated, what's most important is that you continue to remind yourself, your workmates and your tamariki that: you have value, we succeed together and that others matter.

It really is that simple!