

He aha tēnei mea te PAT? What are PATs?

Te whāinga o ngā aromatawai Purpose of the assessments

He aha ēnei What they are

- PATS (Progressive Achievement Tests) are a range of standardised assessments for use in Aotearoa for learners in Years 3 – 10. PATs may be one of several tools that your school uses to support your tamaiti in their learning.
- There are PATs for pāngarau | mathematics, pānui | reading comprehension, listening comprehension, punctuation and grammar, and reading vocabulary. Individual schools determine which PATs ākongā will sit, and why.
- PATs are designed to support kaiako and kura to understand where your tamaiti is in their learning and what progress they are making, and to help plan learning programmes.
- Ākongā can sit these assessments any time during the year, but often sit them during Term 1 to help schools develop their teaching and learning programmes, and again in Term 3 or 4 to measure progress.
- They are multiple-choice tests and can be sat either online, or as a paper test, depending on the kura.
- Pāngarau | Mathematics and Pānui | Reading Comprehension PATs have been refreshed (2023) to be more culturally relevant, authentic and accessible for our ākongā.

Ka ahatia ngā raraunga e ngā kura? What do kura do with the data?

Kaiako may use the data to:

- identify patterns of strengths and areas of need for individuals and groups of ākongā
- make informed decisions about the most useful kinds of teaching programmes and materials they will use
- communicate with you about the progress of your tamaiti, their strengths, and next steps.

Senior leaders may use the data to:

- plan professional development for kaiako; plan annual goals for the kura.

Me pēhea taku tautoko i taku tamaiti?

How can I support my tamaiti?

- Ask their kaiako what PATs your tamaiti will be sitting, and when.
- Ask kaiako to explain how PAT assessments work and what they mean, and how they will be used.
- Reassure your tamaiti that PATs are something their kaiako uses to see how they are learning and to find out about the progress they are making in areas like pāngarau | maths and pānui | reading.
- Encourage your tamaiti to give the PATs a good go. They should try to answer all the questions, even if they don't know all the answers. They might find some questions easy and others a bit hard. That's totally normal.

Ētahi mea taketake, hei maharatanga

Key points to remember

PATs are:

- just one piece of evidence of learning. They are a snapshot of a particular moment in time
- intended to be low stakes
- not about pass or fail
- not intended to support streaming
- about understanding learning and progress.

Mō ētahi atu mōhiotanga:

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