



Positive Behaviour for Learning

What's changing in Budget 2026

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) is a systemic approach that supports schools, teachers and students facing a range of challenges, and seeks to improve educational outcomes through positive school culture.

Since 2010, the Ministry has been delivering PB4L initiatives to help ākonga feel like they belong in our schools and kura.

In Budget 2026, funding for some PB4L initiatives will be reprioritised to support Government priority education initiatives with greater potential to improve educational outcomes.

Scope of changes:

- Effective 1 July 2026, Check and Connect | Te Hononga will no longer be delivered in schools and kura.
- Restorative Practice will no longer be offered to schools and kura from January 2027.
- Delivery of Te Mana Tikitiki will cease after our funding agreement with Ngāti Pūkenga expires in December 2026.
- The Ministry will continue funding PB4L School-Wide staff FTE to support the implementation of the School-Wide framework. However, effective 1 July 2026, operational funding for this initiative will no longer be available.

Incredible Years™ | Ngā Tau Mīharo and Huakina Mai

There will be no change to the Incredible Years™ | Ngā Tau Mīharo initiative.

PB4L School-Wide practitioners will continue to deliver Huakina Mai.

For more information

Visit the [Ministry website](#) for more information about PB4L.

Contact your [regional office](#) if you have questions.