

# Tips for keeping students engaged in their learning



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## Importance of student engagement

Understanding student engagement and wellbeing is critically important to supporting effective learning. Whether you have moved to a remote and flexible learning environment or still in the classroom, when teachers are able to engage students in tasks and discussions that maintain focus there is a greater chance to improve student outcomes. We recommend using these tips as a pedagogical support for all teaching professionals.

## Strategies for maintaining student engagement:

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### Do a quick engagement survey

Set up a Pulse Check to ask students how they are finding their set learning tasks. Focus questions on engagement, time management and understanding of strategies to use when becoming diverted.

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### Send out some tips

For young students to maintain focus they need to take regular breaks. Suggesting brain breaks or brain gym to do in between activities, these can be encouraged at home to help them maintain focus. For older students tips on organisation and day-to-day routines may assist.

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### Set up support

Look at your upcoming content, identify areas students may struggle with (and thus become distracted or diverted) and schedule some open assistance groups. Let students know that these will be running if they need further explanation or assistance.

## Try these additional strategies:

### Change the way that materials are presented

Try varying between video, document, audio recording etc. This will keep students interested in the content being delivered.

### Differentiate the tasks

Cater to student ability when creating different learning tasks. Students who experience success are more likely to remain engaged in the learning.

### Provide structured ideas for 'time off task'

Suggest that students take brain breaks, participate in regular physical activity, read for fun.