



# Spotlight on LEARNING

## Learner Agency



Redwood School



### What is

#### LEARNER AGENCY?

Learner agency is about learners having 'the power to act'. Agency is when learners are equipped with knowledge about themselves as learners (what they can already do, what they need to learn next) to support their own progress. Agency encourages learners to be proactive to make decisions that support their learning.



### Why it's

#### IMPORTANT?

The world no longer needs passive followers of instructions. We need people who can make decisions, solve problems, upskill themselves, and have the ability to use their initiative. These capabilities need to be taught, developed and nurtured in schools. When learners make decisions about their own learning they become more invested in the outcome.

## Redwood School Definition of Learner Agency

"At Redwood School, learner agency means that ākonga are actively taught how to be responsible for their learning. They are equipped with the necessary knowledge, skills, attitudes and dispositions to do this. Clear practices and systems in classrooms enable ākonga to make informed decisions that support their learning."



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Learner agency is about enabling students to have **RESPONSIBILITY** for their own learning. Learner agency requires students to be **ENGAGED** with their own learning progress. Students are taught to be **EMPOWERED** with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and dispositions that are going to positively impact on their development as **LIFELONG LEARNERS**.

