



# Dyslexia Support Programmes at Te Kura o Hato Māka St Mark's School



How St Mark's helps students with dyslexia to unlock their learning potential and celebrate their God given talents and gifts.

## **Hiranga Excellence**

to achieve excellence, using the potential of our God given talents and gifts.

## **Huatau Grace**

Through grace, we act with compassion and humility

## **Piriponotanga Faithfulness**

as we show faithfulness to God and others.

## **Māiatanga Courage**

This gives us the courage to act to bring about change,

# Dyslexia Support Programmes



In 2023 Saint Mark's School initiated a dyslexia support program. It is vital for students with dyslexia to understand how they learn best and how to overcome 'roadblocks' that may affect their progress.

Students with dyslexia often experience asynchronous development meaning they may be skilled and able in one curriculum area such as maths, but experience difficulty in another such as writing.

In this program Mr Gordon has supported students to discover how they learn best. Students have explored strategies to make learning easier, something that looks different for each student. Our students independently choose and use the strategies that work best for them.

These strategies include using assistive technology such as C Pens (a device that reads text aloud for students) and manipulating fonts and colors when using learning devices. Other strategies have involved using coloured overlays and post it notes for easier access to reading and writing.

We want our students to leave St Mark's able to advocate for themselves and their learning journey. Our aim is for our students with dyslexia to reach the same learning as their peers. Another is for them to look past the difficulties they face and showcase the amazing learning they are capable of.