

Collaborative & Proactive Solutions (CPS)

Pathway for Educators in Aotearoa

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Planting the Seed: Familiarisation and Exposure			
	Growth Cycle	Implementation	Activities
Kākano	Just as a seed holds the potential for growth, this stage is about discovering CPS.	 Educators are introduced to the foundational ideas through videos, book studies, and exploring resources from the Lives in the Balance website. This stage sparks curiosity and initial engagement. 	 Watch 45 min video from Lives in the Balance Do a Book Study using Lost At School, by Dr Ross W. Greene Engage with the content from the Guided Tour on the Lives in the Balance website
Roots are Developing: Give it a Go			
	Growth Cycle	Implementation	Activities
Tupu	The first shoots emerge as educators actively begin to try CPS in their practice.	 Writing unsolved problems, initiating Plan B conversations, and partnering with a buddy for practice are key elements. Educators explore and experiment, building initial confidence in applying CPS principles. 	Watch the one-day video from Lives in the Balancethen: Try writing unsolved problems using the ASUP Try having a Plan B conversation Team up with a buddy to practice and provide feedback to one another
Knowledge is Sprouting: Aspire			
	Growth Cycle	Implementation	Activities
Mähuri	As roots take hold, educators deepen their commitment and practice.	 Schools identify experienced kaiako to train as internal CPS coaches. Coaching training is undertaken, fostering a stronger foundation in CPS knowledge. This stage represents structured growth and a shift towards leadership. 	 Identify experienced practitioners/kaiako to train as an internal coach Participate in the 6-session coaches training available through Lives in the Balance
Sharing the Knowledge: Coaching			
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Rākau	The tree now grows taller, symbolising educators guiding others.	 Coaches provide supervised practice within their kura, ensuring CPS becomes embedded in the school culture. Leadership and kaiako work together through a CPS lens, supporting systemic adoption. 	 Coach others in using the ASUP and Plan B within your setting Team up with kura to guide structures and practices though a CPS lens
Standing Strong, Leading Change: Become a Certified Provider (and Beyond)			
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Totura	Just like a tōtara stands tall in the forest, educators at this level are recognised as pillars of CPS practice.	 Educators become certified providers, train others, and advocate for widespread implementation. CPS is deeply rooted within their kura and beyond, leading systemic transformation in education. 	Certification training through Lives in the Balancethen: Train others