

Te Uku School INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL

What are Rosenshines Principles of Instruction?

Rosenshine developed an approach to teaching that optimizes effective instruction.

Scaffolds and cognitive supports, such as the use of instructional procedures and models, enabled students to grasp difficult tasks.

What is Explicit Teaching?

Explicit teaching is systematic, engaging and success-oriented teaching approach. It involves fully explaining and effectively demonstrating what students need to learn - complex ideas and processes are broken into smaller steps which can be built upon. Learning new information happens most effectively and efficiently when teaching is clear, systematic and does not leave students to construct or discover new knowledge and skills without guidance.

[The science of learning](#)

The Gradual Release Model

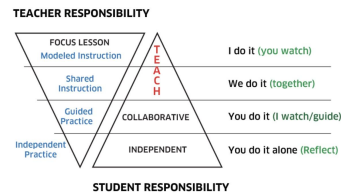


Figure 1 The Gradual Release Model

What happens at Te Uku School?

Our teaching and learning approach is aligned with the Science of Learning and Rosenshines' Principles of Instruction, following the research and insights about how we acquire knowledge effectively and efficiently. Knowing the conditions in which learning can be most successful helps teachers better meet the needs of their students. We draw on education, linguistics, psychology, neuroscience and cognitive sciences to further our understanding of the mechanics of learning and how we can optimally teach. We design sequences of learning where all students can experience success.

It is systematic with explicit teaching to ensure all students have the ability to master increasingly complex knowledge and apply it to different situations as they move through the school.

All lessons follow the 'I do, we do, you do' lesson structure, which moves from explicit instruction through to independent practice and all teacher have consistent engagement norms and checking for understanding techniques to ensure consistency in practice from class to class.