

How to provide an overview of your programme

It's helpful for parents to see an overview of the programme.

Knowledge of your community will determine how much information is useful. Provide enough so it is informative, and parents can provide feedback. Too much detail may overwhelm them and dilute the message.

A 1-2-page programme overview could include:

- Year levels
- Time-tabling arrangement (number of periods across a whole year, modules/ semesters etc.)
- Main topics, units or themes taught at each year level. Show how programme design is based on learning needs, cultural considerations, local context, topical issues, and student interests.
- Key concepts or big ideas covered
- Main assessment points that show understanding of the key concepts or big ideas
- How Achievement Standards contribute to a qualification pathway.

Themes or integrated approaches

Show parents where aspects of health education feature in the themed units. If they know how the school organises the curriculum, this will make sense.

Be prepared for parent questions

Avoid overloading parents with information. Start simply, and they will ask for more detail if they want it.

- Which teaching resources are used and why?
- What external providers are used and what they contribute?
- Topic-specific issues that are a feature of the local community or are in the media at the time
- Controversial topics