

OT TIP OF THE WEEK

Recording for success



Don't let handwriting become a barrier to learning

Not every student needs to record their learning in the same way. The most appropriate method is the one that allows the child to demonstrate their understanding while continuing to develop important skills.

Benefits of handwriting

Writing is valuable because it can help embed learning, develops fine motor skills, hand strength, visual-motor integration and spatial organisation.

But....

Handwriting can take a lot of cognitive and physical energy. If the goal is to record learning rather than writing, consider alternatives such as typing, voice recording, photographs or symbols.

Ask yourself:

"Am I assessing writing, or am I assessing understanding?"

Key message: Writing remains an important skill to develop, but the recording method should match both the child and the learning objective.

Speak with OT for support with recording methods!

