

Keep it **simple**.

Be **flexible**.

Save **time**.



Identify what is really important,  
and **focus** on that.  
Do less, but do it better.

## YardStick

A complex and powerful database that is

- simple to set up
- easy to use
- written by a teacher for teachers

YardStick may be used for the following:

- Reports to parents
- Student profiles
- Class tracking books
- Planning
- Class lists
- Student goals
- Specialist Reports (Yrs 7 & 8)
- Assessment timetables
- Running Records
- PATs (using ScoreCard)
- Trend analysis
- Long term tracking of progress
- Support Programme data
- Learning objectives for each level
- Assessment rubrics
- Label printouts

### Minimum System Requirements

Macintosh:	Power Mac with 98MB RAM as network server. Client machines - Power Mac, 32MB RAM, 15" monitor, FileMaker Pro software
PC:	Windows or NT network Pentium, 32MB RAM, 15" monitor, FileMaker Pro software

For faster access or serving other FileMaker products such as KidBase, FileMaker Pro Server software should run on server.

### Further information

For further information, check the website or contact

True Blue Software - email at [trueblue@ix.net.nz](mailto:trueblue@ix.net.nz)

[www.kidbase.co.nz/tbs/](http://www.kidbase.co.nz/tbs/)

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Student Assessment & Reports  
for New Zealand Schools



A powerful and robust assessment tracking solution, simple enough for teachers to use without training.

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was designed and refined in New Zealand Primary and Intermediate Schools, to do one thing, and do it superbly well.

It was designed to track and record information on students' learning progress over time, and produce written reports for parents, for other schools, for trend analysis and school self review. A recent addition is a planning module, incorporating achievement objectives and learning outcomes.

*Imagine the ideal assessment software ... it would*

- ..be so straight forward to use that teachers would need no training.
- ..produce complex analyses of data at the touch of a button.
- ..be familiar, using the language of NZ teachers.
- ..have the learning objectives and guidelines already set up, yet allow them to be changed at any time.
- ..be flexible enough to allow schools to do their own customising without paying an outside expert.
- ..work alongside any other software used in the school, Mac or PC.



## For teachers ...

- Class lists, assessment timetables and learning objectives for each subject and level are on screen or printable at all times.
- Set up groups so that you can find not just your class data, but also that of any other grouping you specify.
- At the start of a year, your class can be printed out showing last year's assessment data (eg reading ages).
- Work in a rollbook (student tracking book) format or in a profile format, and then simply drag this information across to a report form.
- Data never needs to be transferred from one place to another. Put it in once only.
- Plan quickly and easily using a variety of templates, and copying and pasting objectives and outcomes from a comprehensive list.
- Borrow your class records overnight to take home and work on a laptop.

## For the school office ...

- Entering any new student is done at the office and takes only 20 seconds.
- The process of children leaving or returning to the school is fully automated, and all their assessment data is retained.
- At the end of each year, children are systematically promoted, given room changes, and current data is archived.

## For senior management ...

- Track all your Special Needs students and account for NESB or SEG funding.
- Track trends in reading ages or levels amongst ethnic groups, genders or classes.
- Have all assessment recording instantly accessible for greater accountability.
- Change subject headings, learning objectives, assessment timetables, report forms, whenever you wish.
- Track all running records and see automatically generated graphs of individual progress.
- If you do PATs, purchasing ScoreCard as a module allows you to enter raw scores and have percentiles & stanines calculated for you and appear automatically in YardStick layouts. You also have full graphing ability.
- Students from Y3 up can produce their own reports with their goals, actions and evaluations.

