Innovative Learning Environments
The Lingo

Modern Learning Environments
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Flexible Learning Spaces
Collaborative Learning Spaces

Different names, same thing
Reasons for Change

NZ Curriculum vision is for young people:
who will be confident, connected, actively involved, and lifelong learners.

Confident

- Positive in their own identity
- Motivated and reliable
- Resourceful
- Enterprising and entrepreneurial
- Resilient

Connected

- Able to relate well to others
- Effective users of communication tools
- Connected to the land and environment
- Members of communities
- International citizens
Actively involved

- Participates in a range of life contexts
- Contributor to the well-being of New Zealand - social, cultural, economic, and environmental

Lifelong learners

- Literate and numerate
- Critical and creative thinkers
- Active seekers, users, and creators of knowledge
- Informed decision makers
The Key Competencies

- Using languages, symbols and text
- Participating and contributing
- Relating to others
- Managing Self
- Thinking

These Key Competencies are interwoven into teaching and learning.
Industrial Age - 21st Century
It's a Changing World
Industrial Age/21st Century

- Sirens
- Factory Line / routine jobs
- Clocking in

Our schools have reflected these qualities
- Bells
- Everyone facing the front
- 9 - 3

Everyone learnt
- the same thing
- in the same place
- in the same way
- at the same time
- from the same person

- The world is changing
- Collaborative Work Spaces
- Jobs are vanishing - becoming automated
- Use of devices/social networking
- Our students will have anywhere up to 10 jobs with up to 4 career changes in their lifetime.
- Therefore our students need to be adaptable, resilient thinkers.
- Learning anywhere, anytime

These reflect the key competencies
Thinking, Relating to Others, Participating & Contributing, Managing Self, Using Language Symbols & Text
The Golden Circles

**What**
- The Physical Environment

**How**
- Learning progressions, school graphic, strategic goals, NZC, Teacher collaboration

**Why**
- School vision, empowering citizens of tomorrow, 21st Century Citizens

**Who**
- The students, the heart of the matter
Our Journey So Far.....

- Teacher/Board Session with Mark Osborne
- Writing Progressions (Student Agency)
- ILE Inquiry Team - trip to Te Kowhai School (Hamilton), Pillians Point School & Welcome Bay School (Tauranga). Feedback to staff about trip (physical space and practice)
- Development of our space with Mark Owen
- Professional Development - Modern Learning Practice in a single cell classroom.
- Teacher collaboration to challenge practice
Student Agency

Is simply - Students being the agent for their own learning.
Teaching & Learning

- Students and teachers see learning as a collaborative process
- Students make informed choices for themselves
- Teachers and students have reliable access to technology to promote learning
- Allows for teachers and students to transition into 21st Century Education
- Large amount of student voice (whole class discussions, reflections after teaching sessions in terms of where to next, responding to other students' learning, shared planning) - Student agency
- Change in teaching leading to …..
- Mutual curriculum understanding,
- Changes in planning (must do's and can do's)
- Envelops the New Zealand Curriculum 'Vision' to develop "young people who will be confident, connected, actively involved life-long learners"
If I were your son?
Devices

- Devices form a seamless part of daily learning
- Increased student collaboration
- Seamless learning between home and school
- Students giving specific feedback to each other
- Increased student engagement with improved student learning outcomes
- Easy teacher access to student work for monitoring student work, and providing guidance and feedback
- Easy personalisation of activities for separate groups or students.
- Hapara & student gmail accounts
What is an Innovative Learning Environment and What Do They Look Like?

- Open space
- Flexible learning spaces
- Withdrawal or break out spaces for both teachers and students
- Digital technology used on an everyday basis to engage and enhance learning.
- Clear progressions of learning displayed for students and the wider community to refer to.
No set seating – students choose where they sit according to their learning needs and the task at hand

Variety of seating choices (high tables, low tables, individual, kneeling tables)

Moveable (with lockable wheels or light enough to be moved easily by a child)

Modular so it fits together and can be pulled apart

Hard wearing, comfortable and sturdy

Bright, vibrant colours
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Kneeling table
High Table

Whiteboard table

Modular
Light and movable
"Working in an open, flexible learning environment where inquiries are shared, interventions devised collaboratively and reflections based on both self and peer observations, leads to a more robust, continuously improving community of practice. "Mark Osborne
The Physical Environment

The spaces and furniture

The Campfire
Defined spaces
Wet Area
Spaces within an ILE

Teacher Collaboration
Break Out Areas
Teaching Approaches

- Teaching with a colleague encourages teacher support and further professional learning.
- Teachers can take complementary roles (e.g., one teacher taking an instructional group, whilst the other teacher is conferencing with students or taking an opt in teaching session)
- One teacher leading, one roving
- Both teachers could be teaching groups at one time (parallel teaching)
- Regular teacher conversations - collaboration
- Shared planning to gain their insights to upcoming learning, or gaps that have arisen in the current week.
2016 - Our Plans

https://drive.google.com/a/cambridgeeast.school.nz/file/d/0B3CKfyduB19DRUINa0hYUFSnk5FMEJKeGE0VINsRW13ZDhj/view?usp=sharing
Learning at Cambridge East School

Respect
- Consideration of others
- Respect of themselves and their learning
- Respect of an engaging new learning environment

Excellence
- Choices about their learning
- Relationships with peers
- Thinking about and challenging the way that we learn.

Interwoven are the Key Competencies: Thinking, Using Language, Symbols and texts, Managing self, Relating to others, & Participating and Contributing
Learning at Cambridge East School

An Innovative Learning Environment together with informed assessment practices, collaboration, student agency, flexibility and digital technology will allow Cambridge East School to embody a pivotal element graphic - to empower citizens of tomorrow and to truly live the school motto - Always my best.
Questions

How do I get my child involved?
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