

Designing Learning Spaces for the digital age



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What have I got?

What needs to happen before you:

Start knocking down walls

Looking over plans with architects and designers

Using up the school budget for the next few years

**What needs to be considered
when embarking on creating
new 21st Century learning
spaces...**

Advocate for 21st Century Learning Spaces



◎ **Active Learning**

◎ **Greater use of Technology**



First!

What teaching and learning is going to take place in these new learning spaces?

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Who do you think we should consult with?

Who needs to be involved in deciding how these learning spaces need to be set up and designed?

Mostly....

Our Teachers and Students



Why?

Our students will feel:

- ◉ Ownership
- ◉ Connected to making it successful

Our teachers will feel:

- ◉ Valued and respected
- ◉ Connected to making it successful

What happens if you don't involve your teachers and students?

Students and Teachers feel:

- Not valued
- Unconnected to changes
- More resist to change and less likely to make it a success

Plus...

If anyone knows...

**It's the Teachers and
Students!**

Enough lip service 😊

If we truly believe that the greatest....

resource

influence

inspiration

is the teacher

Discussion to have with Teachers on potential learning spaces...

1. What sort of teaching and learning would you like to see in these new learning spaces?
2. How does the physical (and virtual) space need to be set up and what furniture is required to accommodate your teaching and learning?
3. What would you say would be one of the most important things we need to consider in creating these new learning spaces?

Discussion to have with Students on potential learning spaces...

1. What sort of teaching and learning would you like to see in these new learning spaces?
2. What do you think currently works well in the learning that happens at all school? What doesn't work so well?
3. How do you think we could set up the learning space so you enjoy working in this physical space?

One last thing on....

Receiving input and involvement from
teachers and students

It needs to be:

- No token gestures
 - Genuine
 - Responsive

Keep the resource centres!

- Safe, quiet, communal space
- Information experts



Question to reflect on, consider and discuss...

In your learning context what sort of teaching and learning would you like to see in these new 21st Century learning spaces?

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