

The opportunity to undertake the NASDAP e-learning study tour is an exciting prospect for me. Currently at Katikati College we have spent this year investigating how we can incorporate BYOD into our college, so on the tour I would want to focus on what is best current practice. The personal benefits for myself would be an increased knowledge of the logistics and benefits of the BYOD initiative, with which I could then introduce to our SMT team and college. It would also enable me to lead PD for other staff members focused on using technology to engage students and increase achievement levels. Ours is an isolated community so the opportunity to see what other schools are doing would be particularly useful, as opportunities to collaborate in our local area are limited.

Our school serves a diverse community so we would be looking at using technology to improve achievement for a wide range of ethnicities, particularly Maori and Pasifica. We are looking at innovative ways to engage and enhance achievement and are committed to using technology to achieve this. As a decile 6 school we draw families from a broad range of socio economic backgrounds. We see BYOD as a way of increasing access for all, enabling the school's resources to be distributed amongst those who can't afford their own. An opportunity to see this in action and to talk through the pitfalls would be invaluable. At the school we have just had a SNUP upgrade with high speed broadband introduced to the college, so this is a prime time to reassess our strategic plan for ICT. My Principal is supportive of this application as the tour could provide invaluable insight for us.

As well as sharing knowledge gained within Katikati College and its community I work closely with many BOP Deputy Principal's and would be happy to share any knowledge gained with them. The e-learning tour is a fantastic opportunity to gain intensive insight into such a critical part of our learning. If given the opportunity to be part of the tour the knowledge gained will be invaluable to our college and community.

Regards

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