Digital technologies for learning

Findings from the NZCER national survey of primary and intermediate schools 2016

How do teachers use digital technologies to support their own work and professional learning?

97% say they download resources

90% say they collaborate with other teachers within their school

76% ask teaching-related questions online

62% share teaching resources online

61% say they collaborate with teachers beyond their school

51% contribute to online discussions about teaching

50% take part in online learning opportunities

Do teachers have their own online professional learning networks (PLN)?

37% of teachers say they have no online PLN

49% say they regularly connect with 1 to 20 people as part of their online PLN

11% say they regularly connect with more than 20 people as part of their online PLN

Which online resources do teachers find useful or very useful for supporting their teaching?

75% find TKI useful

37% find Facebook and/or Google+ useful

20% find the Virtual Learning Network (VLN) useful

11% find Pond/N4L useful

7% find Twitter useful

What is a PLN? PLN stands for Personal (or Professional) Learning Network. This usually involves an individual creating their own "network" of educators and other people from whom they seek advice, ideas, resources, to support their professional practice. PLNs can involve both online and offline relationships and communication, and often includes social media platforms. For more on PLN see: http://gifted.tki.org.nz/For-schools-and-teachers/Professional-learning-support/Professional-Learning-Networks