



Education Support Services

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Education Support Services 'Facilitating Quality Professional Learning'

Tēnā koutou

Regionally allocated PLD – Next round closes on 6th August

A reminder that applications for regionally-allocated PLD are made through the online system. ESS facilitators can support you with this work – please contact us through cheryl.pym@otago.ac.nz if you need assistance in any part of this process.

[Applying for regionally-allocated PLD](#) is the link to instructions and support on how to apply.

NZC Refresh

The national curriculum will be refreshed over the next five years, so it is bicultural, inclusive, and easier to use. It will also be clearer and more consistent for teachers and kaiako. The refresh of the national curriculum will be phased over five years and will be completed by 2025. See the timeline for implementation here:

[NZC Refresh Timeline](#)

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Job Opportunities with ESS - We're growing our team!

[Pia, Pou Tautoko and Cultural Capability - Curriculum and Learning PLD Facilitators](#)

Passionate about supporting kaiako & tumuaki in kura? Join our team full time or part-time. Could be based in North or South Island.

[Marketing and Communications Advisor](#)

We're seeking an innovative marketing or communications professional to promote our services to schools and kura, in English and te reo Māori.



Welcome to our team

Welcome to Michelle Garforth who has recently joined the Maths team to facilitate ALiM in Dunedin and Balclutha in Terms 3-4.

PCT OTT

We would like to remind you of the no enrolment fee PLD support we are offering beginning teachers, PCTs, OTTs, and their mentors and school leaders on the journey to full certification.

If you haven't already enrolled check out our website www.otago.ac.nz/PCT for details about **Term 3 and 4**:

- national workshop (PCT WS2, OTT WS3, and Mentor WS)
- topic specific zooms
- tailored support for eligible schools
- online support groups for OTTs
- online modules from which to pick and choose to meet your needs

or enrol here otago.ac.nz/enrolmentpctmentor

Our aim is to help PCTs and OTTs enjoy a purposeful and manageable induction and mentoring programme.

NCEA Change Programme

The NCEA Change Programme is a work programme led by the Ministry of Education to deliver the package of seven changes aimed at strengthening NCEA:

1. [Make NCEA more accessible](#)
2. [Equal status for mātauranga Māori in NCEA](#)
3. [Strengthen literacy and numeracy requirements and assessments](#)
4. [Fewer, larger standards](#)
5. [Simplify NCEA's structure](#)
6. [Clearer pathways to further education or work](#)
7. [Keep NCEA Level 1 optional](#)

This year the Ministry is conducting three **pilot programmes** as part of the NCEA Change programme:

- Te Ao Haka – the new Māori Performing Arts subject (across all three NCEA levels)
- English, Science, Religious Studies and Visual Arts at NCEA Level 1
- Te Reo Matatini me Pāngarau | Literacy and Numeracy standards

Work is also underway to complete all new Level 1 standards and materials for both the NZC and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. For more information visit <https://ncea.education.govt.nz/>

ESS facilitators are available to support secondary teachers by:

- Providing professional development in teaching and learning of subject specific learning areas.
- Building pedagogical knowledge and practice in and across learning areas.
- Assisting teachers to inquire into their practice by using knowledge, evidence and data.
- Evaluating outcomes and planning ahead.

For PLD enquiries, please contact cheryl.pym@otago.ac.nz

Literacy Lead Teacher Pilot

ESS is facilitating a Literacy Lead Teacher Pilot that will take place over the next 3 terms. Eight schools will participate in Literacy Lead Teacher workshops, accompanied by PLD literacy support tailored to individual schools to enhance effective literacy capability and pedagogy. The focus will be on recent research and feedback from literacy leaders including, but not limited to:

- Literacy in the context of PLD Priorities: Local Curriculum, Assessment for Learning and Cultural Capability.
- Literacy in the context of Ministry statements & strategies (e.g. NELP, Ka Hikitia, Action Plan Pacific Education 2030).
- Up to date information from the Ministry of Education.
- Navigating literacy tools (e.g. Curriculum Progress Tools - LPF/PaCT).
- Current issues in literacy.
- An identified 'focus' identified in consultation with Lead Teachers and principals.
- Enhancing student agency through a literacy lens.

For all enquiries and PLD in Literacy (primary) please contact lauren.latimer@otago.ac.nz. For all Literacy (secondary) enquiries please contact denise.hitchcock@otago.ac.nz

Primary Maths Symposium

Save the date: 5th October 2021

Location: Dunedin

Time: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

Keynote speaker: Dr. Jenny Ward Senior Research Fellow at NMSSA

Jenny will discuss how using the Learning Progression framework can help improve teaching and learning in schools. She will also share insights from NMSSA and nzmaths, to provide a well-rounded background for schools to review mathematics teaching and learning in their schools.

Two rounds of workshops

There will be two rounds of practical workshops, a rare chance for teachers to network and share ideas to take back to schools.

More detailed registration information will be sent out to schools mid Term 3.

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