

Innovative learning spaces

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What are innovative learning spaces?

Innovative learning spaces are designed to support learning that strives for the best possible outcomes for students and develops skills critical to thrive in an increasingly complex world.

Innovative learning spaces are flexible and well-resourced so that teachers can design a wide range of learning activities to develop the skills and knowledge of students.

Learning is tailored to suit the needs and interests of students, allowing them to learn at their own pace and demonstrate their learning in different ways.

Why is learning changing?

Contemporary learning and teaching practices prepare students to succeed in a changing and interconnected world. The skills valued by the 21st century workforce, combined with the way we learn and consume information means the way we teach our students has evolved.

Technology is integrated as a learning tool to learn new skills, collaborate and demonstrate learning in creative ways.

Learning is not isolated to one discipline, rather it is integrated across many. STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics) is an example of integrated learning. This enables learners to make connections and apply skills and knowledge across areas for a common project or solution.

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How are innovative spaces typically designed?

Spaces are designed to facilitate a range of learning modes and activities.



Collaboration



Demonstration



Discussion



Experiential



Explicit



Feedback & Reflection



Guided



Independent

The space will allow students to work individually, one-to-one, in small and large groups with opportunities to collaborate with other students. Seating is flexible to accommodate different learning experiences.

A variety of flexible seating options helps students to engage with each other, the teacher, and resources to best support the learning.

Large open spaces for collaboration and withdraw spaces or smaller areas for quiet or more personalised learning. Encourages teachers and student to move through the space and to interact in different ways.

What role does technology play in innovative learning spaces?

Students use technology purposefully as a learning tool to investigate, create, communicate and collaborate in conjunction with other learning activities.

An innovative learning space enables access to appropriate technology when and where it is needed.



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