



Success for all ākonga

Your PLD partner in 2024

An introduction to our RAPLD offerings

Cognition
Education

Experience unforgettable learning

with Cognition Education, Aotearoa New Zealand's leading education consultancy provider.

Drawing on more than 30 years of expertise, our dedicated local teams collaboratively design and deliver high-quality Professional Learning and Development (PLD) tailored to the unique needs of schools. **Our goal is to empower every ākonga for success.**

Partner with us for PLD support in Cultural Capability, Local Curriculum, Digital Fluency and Assessment for Learning this year!

About Cognition Education

Since 1989 Cognition Education has been committed to a vision of becoming Aotearoa New Zealand's most innovative education provider. Our work has taken us across the country, where we've shared new ideas and fresh inspiration with teachers, ākonga, and whānau from diverse walks of life.

Proudly owned by the not-for-profit Te Rau Puāwai Education Trust, our collective mission is to advance learning outcomes in New Zealand, especially for marginalised learners. Embracing the unique cultural heritage of Aotearoa New Zealand, Cognition Education celebrates diversity, weaving a rich blend of traditions, perspectives, and shared values across the Education landscape.

Through our expertise in Professional Learning and Development (PLD) and education consultancy, we actively work to bridge communities, promote understanding, and contribute through our skills and knowledge to the diversity existing within our schools. In collaboration with educators, Cognition Education develops learning solutions, providing students with the optimal platform to springboard into success.

At Cognition Education, we believe that education is a collective journey, and we are dedicated to shaping a future where equity and inclusivity thrive.

Our Expertise

Cultural Capability

Schools are increasingly committed to upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnerships, embedding tikanga Māori, embracing manaakitanga, including mātauranga Māori as part of new curriculum developments and using te reo Māori. Our Cultural Capability team can support school leaders to gain knowledge and understanding of the diverse cultures in your school community, whilst developing culturally capable teachers who have effective relationships with all ākonga.

Our Relationships First® programme, in partnership with Russell Bishop, is a culturally responsive practice that focuses on accelerating and sustaining the achievement outcomes of indigenous and marginalised students, to maximise the achievement of all learners. Since 2012, we have worked with 16 Kahui Ako, 175 schools and 3,850 teachers, in New Zealand | Aotearoa – impacting approximately 50,000 students.

Assessment for Learning

Improving assessment in schools is crucial for fostering learning and well-being, shaping local curricula, and enhancing student progress.

Our Assessment for Learning Professional Learning and Development equips schools with expertise to maximize the value of assessment data. With a deep understanding of educational settings, we help design effective assessment practices, offering guidance on innovative tools and procedures for informed decision-making.

Our consultants work directly with faculty to ensure a comprehensive understanding of assessment data, devising and implementing strategies that empower students in their learning journey.

Our Areas of Expertise:

- Strategic Planning
- Alignment with Local Curriculum
- Systems Improvement
- Student-Centred Methodologies
- Mathematics Assessment
- Literacy Assessment
- De-streaming

By enabling ākonga to actively participate in their learning, informed by assessment, we transform data into progress.



Digital Fluency

Digital technology is now integral to learning and teaching. We build educators' fluency and confidence harnessing technology's full potential to enrich outcomes. Leveraging strategic experience, we streamline processes, set and achieve curriculum goals, develop infrastructure and assessments using eLearning platforms that expand opportunities and responsibilities for ākonga to be more self-directed.

Our holistic guidance makes technology accessible and impactful. We also provide technical support through partners when needed, ensuring schools capitalise on the latest effective tools. Realise the promise of digital in your classrooms, equip students for their digital lives, and use technology seamlessly to enhance student outcomes.



Local Curriculum Design

We specialise in co-creating tailored, engaging curricula that responds to students, whānau and diverse communities nationwide. Our consultants partner with schools and Kāhui Ako to develop localised curricula shaped around your unique needs and ākonga priorities. With extensive experience in stakeholder-informed curriculum design and implementation, we work closely with you for authentic consultation. Our expertise actualises place-based, learner-centered curricula grounded in whakapapa - enabling ākonga to take action, express identity, and expand horizons.

Our team are national experts in Mathematics PLD. We offer expertise in:

- NCEA Numeracy co-requisites
- Contextualising and implementing the Mathematics and Statistics Achievement Standards
- Curriculum refresh, aligned with school-wide maths programme development
- Planning for successful learning and acceleration
- Assessing and advancing learner progressions

Our team of experienced facilitators include former principals, lead teachers, and advisors - bringing real-world understanding of what works in schools.

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The upcoming PLD submission funding round closes **February 23rd 2024**. Contact our team to learn how we can assist your school in securing Regionally Allocated PLD support

How to apply for regionally allocated



Contact the team today for support in your February PLD submission round application

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