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**President's Comment 3**

Dear Colleagues

**SPANZ - Digital Technologies Expert Panel**

Paul Daley is representing SPANZ on this panel which is considering, together with other groups in the educational sector, the position of Digital Technology in the school curriculum. Two meetings have been held and the next meeting is on Thursday 11 March.

**Issues to date include:**

- a) Terminology  
These need to get consistency in the terminology that is being used eg ICT, computer studies, computing, computer science. While schools should have flexibility in naming the course, the standards that make up the course should use nationally agreed terminology. The group is considering a Glossary of Definitions for the education sector.
- b) The place of "ICT" in the NZ Curriculum  
Should it be:
  - 1. Under the technology umbrella?
  - 2. Stand alone subject within technology?
  - 3. A ninth learning area?This would be seen as a long term goal if this was to be the consensus.
- c) Current problems with the overlap of assessments for ICT / Design Technology need to be addressed.

On a related topic Paul has also been contacted by MOE requiring feedback on ICT Professional Development Cluster Programme. You can give Paul feedback on this issue or go on line to: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=AbWB149nMlOrUJGC9rHoRO\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=AbWB149nMlOrUJGC9rHoRO_3d_3d) and complete the online survey.

If you have any comment on any of the above or any other issue in relation to Digital Technology in the NZ Curriculum please give Paul some feedback so that he can adequately represent SPANZ views at the meeting.

Contact him via email at [principal@sanctamaria.school.nz](mailto:principal@sanctamaria.school.nz)

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