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## President's Comment 24

Dear Colleagues

The following message we wish to share with you. The press release from the Ministry of Education "Future Direction of ICT in Secondary Schools" is attached and includes the link to the full set of agreed DTEP recommendations.

### ***Outcomes from DTEP / Ministry of Education Process***

*The Ministry of Education and the Digital Technologies Expert Panel are pleased to jointly announce the high level outcomes of the work of the DTEP.*

1. *ICT, Computing, and related technologies will be provided for under the Technology Learning Area named **Digital Technologies**.*

*(A comprehensive consultation process in July 2009, proposes that the Technology Learning Area be reorganised into **three areas**, namely "Digital Technologies", "Graphics", and "Material and Processing Technologies")*

2. *A **Body of Knowledge** for Digital Technologies is created, outlining the subject-specific knowledge for this subject. Note that this work is already underway.*
3. *Subject to the consultation process above, Digital Technologies will contain the following **5 streams**, based on the draft Body of Knowledge:*
  - a. *Electronics*
  - b. *Programming & Computer Science*
  - c. *Digital Concepts, Information and Tools*
  - d. *Digital Media*
  - e. *Digital Infrastructure [Including networking, hardware, software, systems]*
4. *A **set of Subject-specific Digital Technologies Achievement Standards will be created** to cater for areas of the Body of Knowledge not covered by the generic Technology Achievement Standards or other existing Standards.*
5. *The Level 1 Achievement Standards will be available for trialling in late 2010 and for use from **January 2011** onwards. Levels 2 and 3 will be available for use in 2012 and 2013 respectively. This is in alignment with the standards review processes.*
6. *DTEP acknowledges that while there is a desire for these standards to be available before 2011, the need to ensure quality and adhere to Ministry processes mean that a tighter timeframe is not possible. The Ministry is committed to the timeline which is in keeping with the standards review.*
7. *The quantity of subject-specific credits cannot be determined until the Body of Knowledge is completed and analysed for duplicity with other areas, however the Ministry acknowledges a strong desire for **sufficient subject-specific credits available to construct courses within the 5 streams**.*
8. ***Digital Technologies Teaching and Learning Guidelines** will be created specifically for Digital Technologies and based on the Body of Knowledge, to be available to schools in draft form by July 2010.*

9. *Members of the DTEP will be appointed to the Technology Reference Group, Teaching and Learning Guide Writing Group, Teaching and Learning Guide Reference Group, Digital Technologies Standards Writing Group and Digital Technologies Standards Reference Group to assist with process and help ensure the timeline and spirit of the DTEP recommendations continue through the process.*

10. *The DTEP will continue to exist until the **end of 2009** to provide input into the process as necessary, meeting as required.*

*DTEP thank the Ministry for establishing the Panel and working through this process in good faith. Both the Ministry and DTEP believe the outcomes will significantly improve ICT learning outcomes for students, and ultimately add value to New Zealand's economy and society.*

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Hope your weekend is restful and re-invigorating.

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