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How technologies can be used to enable teaching and learning

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Introduction

- What is technology in education?
Technology in Education

- Facilitates learning
- Improves quality of learning
- Reaches all learners

- Should make our job more effective (easier)
Why use Technology?

- Why should we be using technology in education?
  - Social learners (learning communities)
  - Access to information
  - Anytime
  - Anywhere
  - Instant
Primary – ‘overarching’
◦ Creative ideas that are not limited by current thinking or beliefs (blue-sky thinking)
◦ “It would be good if we had this…”

Secondary – ‘on-the-ground’
◦ Using technology in the classroom
◦ Teacher training
◦ Logistics
◦ Infrastructure
Evaluate the technology
- Physically feasible? logistics/infrastructure
- Benefit to learning?

Reliability
- Weak-points? Can they be improved?

Training
- Educators & Learners need to know how to use the technology
- Engagement
Future

- Paperless classrooms
- Cloud technologies
  - Plan for the future – wireless connectivity
- BYOD – Bring Your Own Device
  - to connect to the cloud
- MOOCs
  - Brings together learners separated by geography
Dental Educators on the **MOVE**
- Technology as an enabler to teaching
- Communication Skills forum
- Leadership discussion thread
- Dental Teaching Competencies
- Mentorship queries