

# Innovative Learning Environments. Where is the pedagogy for this?

The NZ Ministry of Education defines an innovative environment as “one that is capable of evolving and adapting as educational practices evolve and change – thus remaining future focused”.

[Find out more about innovative learning environments in New Zealand](#) (Ministry of Education).

[Read guides relating to planning an innovative learning environment](#) (Ministry of Education).

Refer to the NZ Curriculum Health and Physical Education Achievement Objectives Tables: <https://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/content/download/1109/11992/file/Charts2.pdf>

[Swimming out of our depth? Leading learning in 21st century schools](#) (2012) is a commentary from Ally Bull and Jane Gilbert from the New Zealand Council for Educational Research (NZCER).

[School is for me: Pathways to student engagement](#) (2006) from The Fair Go Project in Australia reflects the voices of the students, teachers, parents, principals, university researchers and education consultants. These perspectives have forged a new understanding of what student engagement needs to be in classrooms and schools.

[You Can Do It! Education](#) delivers distinctive, research-based programs and educational resources in areas associated with the social, emotional and academic learning of young people in Australia.

[Character and Resilience Manifesto: The All Party parliamentary group on Social Mobility](#) (2014) is an interesting report from the UK with some really interesting definitions applicable to NZ education settings. Here is an extract from the foreword by Baroness Claire Tyler: “There is a growing body of research linking social mobility to social and emotional skills, which range from empathy and the ability to make and maintain relationships to application, mental toughness, delayed gratification and self-control.”

[The Philosophy for Children NZ website aligns with many of the NZ Curriculum Health and PE outcomes](#). The site has:

- lots of information on social and emotional development, resilience, key competencies and more;
- excellent personal training in inquiry as well as;
- great resources or books for classroom use.



You can also use the keywords **innovative learning environments and teacher change** on YouTube to view plenty of New Zealand examples.

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