Schools can support the Digital Technologies curriculum by:

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1. Aligning with other school priorities

DT can be seen as competing with other school priorities and resourcing. Include DT in your school strategic plans so it aligns with the aims of other priorities across the school.

2. Ensuring reliable equipment and infrastructure

Unreliable equipment and infrastructure leads to high-levels of frustration and anxiety. Reliable technologies can be inspirational and promote high levels of engagement.

3. Providing additional time allocations

Successful implementation of DT takes time. Allocate time to teachers for curriculum planning, tinkering with equipment and managing resources.

4. **Distributing knowledge of the DT curriculum** Staff turnover poses serious risks to DT implementation. Distribute knowledge by providing ongoing professional learning for all staff including assistant teachers and technicians.

Approaching the DT Curriculum across the school Multiple curriculum demands can lead to superficial engagement. Scope and sequence the DT curriculum to integrate the General Capabilities and Crosscurriculum Priorities.

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New innovations require additional knowledge. Encourage teachers to extend their professional practices with the DT through Higher Education and MOOCs.

Networking within, across and beyond schools Schools can be isolated in their responses to common problems. Promote novel collaborations amongst teachers, mentors, and specialists by networking across schools.



For further details see the full report: Lynch J, Auld G, Cloonan A, O'Mara J & Speldewinde C (2020). Supporting the implementation of Digital Technologies in disadvantaged schools: case study of impact, outcomes and sustainability. Deakin University, Waurn Ponds, Australia.