Case study 11: Pegasus Bay School – a whole school approach to digital

Pegasus Bay School is a full primary school in Canterbury with young people from years 1-8. Pegasus Bay School is Apple distinguished, and its teachers are Apple certified. Teachers receive PLD through an Apple facilitator and online courses that Apple provides, and the school is taking a whole of school approach, ensuring that every teacher develops their knowledge and digital skills. Every teacher uses a laptop in their lessons and has knowledge about how to use the iPads, and while some teachers have a stronger interest in cutting edge programmes and technology, every teacher is committed to integrating digital devices into their teaching and pedagogy.

Every young person receives a device, and subjects are largely taught on iPads which act as the modern equivalent to their workbooks. Young people develop digital fluency and use digital tools in increasingly complex ways as they move through the school, with opportunities for older young people to extend their learning. The community is on board with the focus on utilising digital devices in learning, and the school sees this a key part of ongoing success. This includes young people uploading videos discussing their learning on a platform for their parents and caregivers to access. The digital skills and fluency that the teachers and young people at Pegasus Bay School have formed enable a strong base into which a media and information literacy programme could be woven.