

Getting started with online teaching and learning

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What is online teaching and learning and what are the benefits?

Louis Bone

Online teaching and learning is when teachers conduct lessons in a digital online setting rather than in a traditional, physical, bricks and mortar classroom. So, students will attend these lessons to access their resources and interact with teachers and their classmates.

Andrew Field

A fantastic way of delivering online learning is about making the very best of what a teacher can do, using the best of their existing classroom experience, but then making the very value-added opportunities of online learning - where a class can literally pause and stop for that time and then go away and come back 20 minutes later with everyone having explored something in a different way. It's a little bit like having the ultimate classroom in front of you. You don't just have the set of textbooks or videos or outdated materials that you might previously use. It's about building up the skills and expertise to actually make the very best use of the entire Internet for your studies.

Sharon Rabinowitz

The review to go back and, you know: push pause, go back, re-listen to a concept - that is completely unavailable in a contact school. And I just think it helps them to internalise it a lot better. And they can always go back and rewatch. Even the live classes I recorded, they can go

back and rewatch. So that the revising of the material and the actual learning of the material can be done at a pace where they are getting maximum benefit.

Lalith Prasad

They can learn things at their own pace and also probably widen their horizon of learning many things at the time.

Sharon Rabinowitz

So for me, from the perspective of the student, the best benefit of an online learning platform is the lack of external stimuli that you find in a classroom. In other words, the student focus is far more directed towards the learning. You don't have the class clown in the background – Well, you do sometimes in the chat box - but you know what I mean? They can at least have far more focus when it comes to learning.

Julia Yu

Another benefit, I think, is that the parent can know better about what the children are learning. You know, in the past, we were not aware of what was actually taking place in class: what they have learned and where the children may need support from the parents.

Carlo Olivier

One of the key benefits for me as well, you know, what I realised teaching online is whenever I see - or I know - a video, I can quickly share it and we can watch it together. Or, you know, when I have a question, or a set of questions, it's easy. I can just drag it from the one folder to the other folder and they have it. That ease of access. And they also know how to use it. And that's one key concept that goes throughout the whole online platform.

Laura-Lee Morin

It's really the capability to bring people together or students together from their own spaces so they don't all have to be in the same location. So they can share different viewpoints and collaborate in that way. I think using some of the technology and the tools, I mean, there's some amazing tools like mind-mapping tools that maybe you wouldn't typically, obviously. If they're online, they have access to technology that they wouldn't have access to maybe in the face to face classroom. So I just think that there's a lot of technology out there that can make learning really fun. And that it's a really cool new way to approach it.

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