# **Workshop 1: Taking Stock**

#### 1. Where are we now?

- Students
- Teaching and learning
- Community engagement
- Devices and infrastructure
- Cloud based learning

#### 7th formers: 1st year

- same place in terms of learning, different technology, getting out of your comfort zone-didn't know anything about google docs.
- easier to communicate through computer vs preference to 1:1 discussion.

### 5th formers: 2nd year

- different experience throughout the year-internet troubles.
- Never had a computer till now!!!
- Ideas of education have changed.
- Awkward to start with, dramatic change in writing (typing). Didn't even know how to type! Gradually changing though, hoping to progress faster.

#### 3rd formers: 3rd year

- Teachers: Hard for them, most teachers don't know how to use it. E.g sharing, not having full understanding of sharing options.
- 5th formers:
- Google docs: teachers can help you while you are at home! Not too late for them to check your work.
- Impatient; want teacher to check work now! Google apps helps with this!

#### Discussion:

- Don't like interaction via google chat; prefer face to face!
- trying to keep an open mind! it's new to our decile school!
- Tia: get sore hand writing. Personally enjoys writing on netbook. However, has seen others share work and just change words.
- Access makes things so much easier; gives more opportunity to learn about things can't get access to all the time!
- Such a long process in library-using netbook removes this long process going

back and forth.

- Gives you independence to your learning-not having to rely on your teacher.
- Having to grow up early! Initiative.
- Don't need anyone to hold your hand, need to sort yourself out to be self-motivated learner.

## 2. Where do we want to be by the start of the 2013 school year?

- Students
- Teaching and learning
- Community engagement
- Devices and infrastructure
- Cloud based learning
- Teachers being more organised, knowing what to do on google docs.(Tia)
- More organised (teachers and school)-having more knowledge about programmes. Still teachers who don't know how to share documents!
- More interactive with the students.
- More alternatives on the netbook-Free!
- Parents see the good side to this programme.
- Showing Mum what i'm doing! Having parents by us working/interaction with us. (Jake)
- All students self motivated!

## 3. What challenges confront us in getting to where we want to be?

- Students
- Teaching and learning
- Community engagement
- Devices and infrastructure
- Cloud based learning
- Distractions.
- Family engagement: see netbook as a privilege/token tool, don't see how they could be involved.
- Parents slow in getting to grips
- We must change! Everything is so so instant.

- See this as something lazy!
- A lot more responsibility, using more time! Good thing to have fast access.
- Would prefer to have started earlier (7th and 5th form opinions)
- Trying to work out how to use a netbook vs getting your NCEA done.
- For seniors, feels bit too late to be useful.
- Spend too much time trying to hack onto facebook.
- Self motivation-self management.
- A lot of students take for granted, don't see the opportunity yet!
- Put back when you forget netbook in class.
- Thought it was a waste of money; no point if you can't even motivate yourself to learn without it.
- Plagiarism.
- Feels like some teachers don't know.
- A lot of cutting and pasting; doesn't feel like always using our heads.
- Sometimes more access is disadvantage you-
- Enjoy hands on learning
- Tia: Setback in term one having to write in books. Not all the people in our class had netbooks. Didn't know teachers didn't know how to use the netbooks. It was hard in primary to get use to using netbooks.
- Feels like you're not learning anything writing on the netbook.