
Mark Osborne



Senior Advisor Future-focused Education

Qualifications

MA (Hons), DipTchg (Sec)

Contact details

Region: Auckland

Blog: [A Dangerous Thing](#)
[The Open Source School](#)

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Professional profile

Mark is a Senior Consultant who works in Future-Focused Education, particularly in the areas of Modern Learning Environments, Leadership and eLearning. To put it another way, he helps schools and centres build great spaces to learn while helping educators develop the capacity to make the most of those spaces. Mark also founded Emerging Leaders-Aotearoa, a group of several hundred educators who are committed to growing leadership capacity across the sector.

Mark's personal mission is to turn all schools into awesomeness incubators, and he is currently completing his PhD on leadership in modern learning environments, at the University of Melbourne.

Mark was part of the foundation leadership team that put together one of New Zealand's leading future-focused schools: Albany Senior High School. Mark also established the country's first open source high school, and an innovative bring-your-own-device (BYOD) programme in 2009. Mark has helped dozens of organisations launch their BYOD programmes, helping schools and centres to break free of industrial age education.

Mark founded Emerging Leaders Aotearoa as a vehicle to help grow leadership within the profession, and now works with a network of people to turn all schools into 'awesomeness incubators'. He runs EduIgnite evenings around the country, and a two-day unconference 'Ignition' once a year to foster innovation in the profession.

Expertise

Mark has expertise in the following areas:

- Building leadership capacity; developing strengths-based leadership in schools.
- Teaching as inquiry, research and evidence-based practice, data analysis. Helping teacher pedagogy keep pace with 21st century demands.
- Developing professional development experiences that are engaging, innovative and meaningful. Working to achieve top-down goals through grass-roots innovation.
- Facilitating conferences, barcamps, and unconferences.
- Cloud computing, mobile devices, BYOD (bring your own device), and 1:1 computing.
- Aligning curriculum, pedagogy, assessment, technology, and learning spaces.

Professional memberships

- Association of Secondary Deputy and Associate Principals
- Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI)

Conference presentations

- MaharaUK 11 Keynote speaker
- Emerging Leaders' Summit Keynote speaker
- Ignition 2011-12 keynote speaker
- <http://edtalks.org/video/living-and-learning-cloud-mark-osborne>
- <http://edtalks.org/video/mark-osborne-wikieducator-and-creative-commons>

Awards/Fellowships/Scholarships

- 2010 Best Open Source Contribution in Education
- 2003 Heads of Independent Schools Scholarship

Publications

- Osborne, Mark et al. Scholarship English AME Workbook ISBN: 978-1-877459-88-7
- Osborne, Mark et al. Level 3 English Study Guide ISBN: 978-1-877366-20-8

Personal statement

"I'm a primary-trained English and history teacher, but have worked in e-learning most of my career. I live in Auckland with my wife and two boys, and enjoy being in the vegetable garden as much as I can. I like messing around with solar-powered robots and smartphone apps. I also love books, libraries, and New Zealand art."