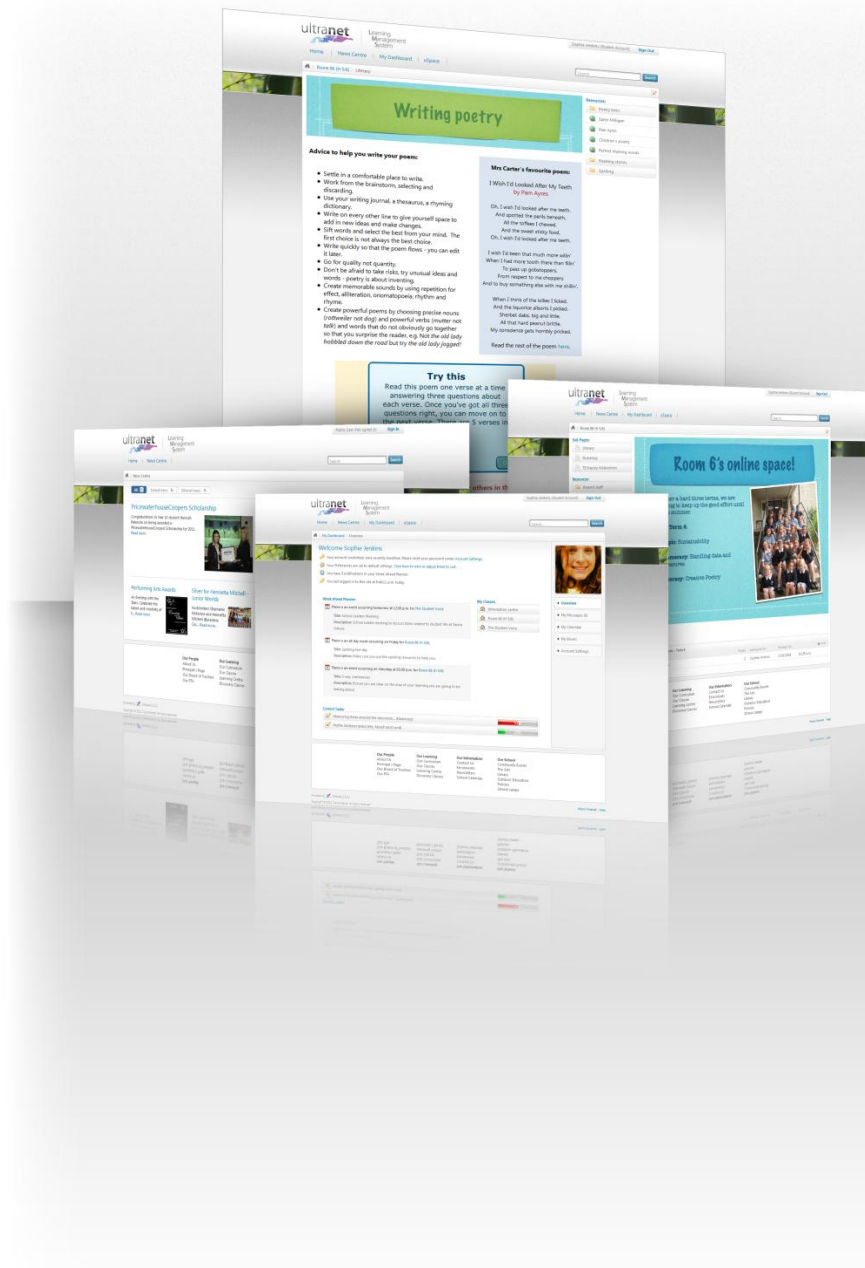








# How do you make a difference?









Learning  
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# Features at a glance






## WebSpace

-  **Web-page publishing.** Media-rich page content can be designed and formatted easily using a built-in visual editor. Pages can be organised into layered menu trees, each with individually assigned access/edit rights.
-  **Personal dashboard.** Personalised start page that presents authenticated users with a quick summary of incoming messages and tasks, upcoming events or deadlines, shared and personal calendars, and access to their virtual classrooms. Assessment, attendance and demographic details can also be made available via SMS-LMS Interoperability.
-  **School news.** Daily notices or weekly newsletters can be authored and published via the web using the dedicated News Centre module.
-  **Resource bookings.** School resources can be organised into categories and made available for electronic bookings online. Booking time slots can be customised to match the school timetable.
-  **Parent Portal.** With SMS-LMS Interoperability, parents can easily access student information like attendance and assessment results, school timetables, reports and a list of in-progress class work. A message centre is included for two-way communication, as well as direct access to the uSpace ePortfolio and profile for their child.
-  **Extensive search.** Find information quickly using the global Search tool, including direct results from the DigitalNZ and EDNA libraries.

## ClassSpace

-  **Online homework.** Assignments and activities can be set online, with the added facility to monitor individual student progress/status and receive homework electronically.
-  **Discussion forums.** Conversations can be hosted in subject areas, with options for teachers to customise student permission access and attach polls.
-  **Online quizzes.** Self-evaluation forms, multiple choice quizzes and polls can be created and completed online. Results can be collated and exported for further reporting/tracking.
-  **Collaborative wikis.** Content editing access can be shared with students using built-in wikis, including options to compare changes and restore previous page versions.
-  **Document sharing.** Publish a secure store of course handouts, related media or Digital Learning Objects within virtual filing cabinets.
-  **Media-rich resources.** Using the visual page editor or Media Gallery or Resources tool, electronic media like audio and video can be uploaded or embedded into the class page to create more engaging and dynamic learning materials.

## uSpace

-  **Social networking.** Safe and secure password-protected network where users can search for and add buddies, send messages and collaborate online.
-  **Personal profiles.** Individual pages for students to edit and share information about themselves, their interest, hobbies, ideas and goals.
-  **ePortfolios.** Editable online portfolio where users can author, upload or embed samples of work to showcase as part of their digital profile. Teachers, parents and buddies can also add comments or peer-review the work attached.
-  **Media Gallery.** Integrated facility to upload and convert photos, audio and video files to web-friendly formats, allowing quick streaming of content to desktop and mobile browsers.
-  **Blogs.** Individual web logs for students to use as a journal of their learning, or for teachers to publish their ideas to other users in the uSpace network.

# Helping you to succeed . . .

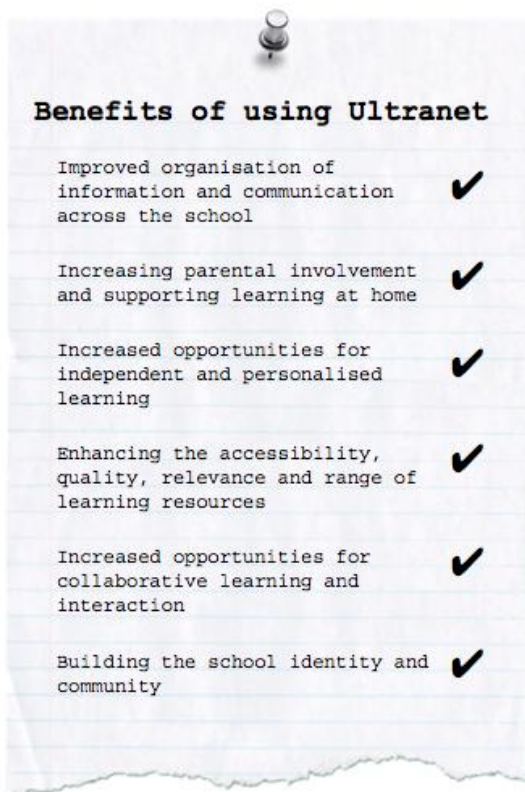
Successfully establishing a Learning Management System in a school can be a long and challenging process. That's why our unique **Implementation Support Programme** has been specifically designed to assist schools through the initial phases of implementation. It provides guidance in the establishment of a firm foundation for school-wide uptake and fosters the development of the understanding, skill and confidence that lead to effective use of the online learning environment.

The programme is built around a phased approach to full implementation and focuses on developing internal capability so as to ensure the ongoing sustainability of the initiative. It features five key phases delivered over a 12-month period:

- Familiarisation and exploration
- Planning for implementation and integration
- Content development and extended deployment
- Connecting parents
- Extension and sustainability

Each school has an ongoing involvement with their assigned facilitator throughout the programme with support delivered via a blend of in-school and remote facilitation. The facilitator's focus is to work with the school's implementation project team, assisting them to develop the capability and confidence to plan and lead the implementation initiative across the school. Schools participating in the programme also have access to a rich bank of resources aimed at supporting independent and just-in-time learning.

# . . . and make a real difference in your school



Research both internationally and in New Zealand<sup>1</sup> is showing that the effective use of a **Learning Management System** and associated technologies in school makes a real difference.

Whether your school is working towards all or just one of these benefits, the easy-to-use functionality of Ultranet makes your goals achievable. Whether it's building **interactive** and **engaging** online classrooms, connecting **communities** across the school and beyond, using ePortfolios for **celebration** and **reflection** or providing **parents** a window into the learning... the opportunities are endless.

In fact, the only difficulty is deciding what to work on first.

<sup>1</sup> School use of learning platforms and associated technologies, Becta (May 2010); Improving the efficiency of LMS implementation and adoption, Edtech (July 2010).

## A strong and growing community

Ultraset is now operating in over 230 primary, intermediate and secondary schools across New Zealand—many of which are leading the charge in effective online teaching practice. Here is what two of our schools have to say about their use of Ultraset:

“Our vision statement says that as a school we want to develop in our students a passion for learning. Ultraset will help us with this: it may be the enhanced sense of community generated by uSpace; it may be the rich feedback that students will receive from their peers and parents in their e-portfolios; it may be the rich engaging 21st century Web 2.0 resources in the ClassSpaces that ignite a passion in our students...

“Whatever aspect of Ultraset that you look at, all we know is that we are onto a good thing and we are excited by that.”

**Craig Robinson**

*Director of Learning, Christchurch South Intermediate*



“Ultraset is incorporated into class time and has become a core part of Manurewa High School’s curriculum and teaching programme... it breaks down the four walls of the classroom and gives students, teachers and parents greater access to knowledge.

“Parents particularly value the ability Ultraset offers to monitor their children’s attendance and performance via the online parent portal.”

**Daniel Wilson**

*Deputy Principal, Manurewa High School*



## This is our story . . .

Ultraset is the leading Learning Management System in New Zealand and is the online learning environment of choice for more than 235 primary, intermediate and secondary schools across the nation. Initiated in 2003, the Ultraset project has evolved over the years with extensive direct input from schools and from the experienced team of educators on staff. Ultraset is developed and owned by Edtech, a 100% New Zealand owned and operated company based in Auckland.

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