

# Cashmere High School

## Christchurch, New Zealand



Learn how we utilise EP to enhance our strong Year 9-13 Languages programme



School in Christchurch, NZ of students from Year 9 to Year 13. Teaching from the NZ and NCEA curricula.

Using EP since  
02. 2011

EP users  
(Students)  
850

EP users  
(Teachers)  
15

### About

Cashmere High School is a Year 9-13 school located in Christchurch, NZ. Diversity of cultures is celebrated at the school, which offers courses in four languages. Students are encouraged to achieve personal excellence across the academic, sporting, cultural and leadership fields

The Languages Department are members of the following associations:

- NZ Association of Language Teachers

### Our online learning journey

The Languages department at Cashmere High School have been subscribing to EP from the early days, expanding our subscription over the years to now include all students of Languages between Year 9 and Year 13.

We have been very successful with EP competitions, and we are particularly

- NZ Association of French Teachers
- NZ Association of Japanese Language Teachers
- Spanish Teachers' Association of NZ Aotearoa

proud of winning, and retaining, the NZALT trophy in the EP Language World Championships over a number of years.

## Why Education Perfect (EP)

We were initially intrigued that there could be a way for students to learn vocabulary using a device. At the time we were moving towards BYOD and saw LP (as it was known then) as a way to streamline vocabulary learning. It was also a lot more fun than staring at a list in a vocabulary notebook and not really knowing how to learn it (despite teachers' best efforts).

We have a lot of Year 9 language classes as it was compulsory to learn one of the 4 languages that we offer in Year 9; sometimes as many as 16 classes. Many of the students were not intending to continue into Year 10. Because they had not mastered the vocabulary needed to progress through the various topics, they often became switched off during Term 3 and had trouble keeping up with the lessons. Since having EP we have noticed that this happens much less, with most students able to retain the vocabulary they need due to their homework tasks on EP. Therefore they can participate positively in the lessons.

EP fits perfectly with our school's digital strategic goal.

**Responses collectively provided by the  
Languages Department,  
Cashmere High School**

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*"Education Perfect is an invaluable tool. Not only does it increase student's engagement, but it makes language learning accessible for all students. The level of data that I can see about each student helps me tailor my lessons to meet the needs of all my learners. My students love it!!"*

**Laura Power**  
Teacher of Spanish  
Cashmere High School

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## Impact

The positive impacts of EP for our department include the following:

- EP has definitely helped with the learning of vocabulary - students results are better now.
- Differentiation is possible so that students can pace themselves. Low ability/disengaged students are working well on EP and coping with more complex material
- it's easy to keep students on task in class by tracking their progress, and there is less time needed for marking when they have completed their lessons.
- EP has solved homework problems for us - there are no page numbers, or books involved. Students simply get an email with their work linked - it's easy for everyone.

## Our favourite features

- The ability to run pre and post testing is very useful.
- In French we have a Language Assistant working with our classes weekly; EP smart lessons are great to use while small groups of students are working with the assistant in another room.
- It is easy to use and it is also easy to modify material when needed.
- There are lessons available, but it is also great to make our own content including smart lessons and vocab lists.
- Relief is made easy using EP!
- Our students love Dash - and we love the homework reminder button.