

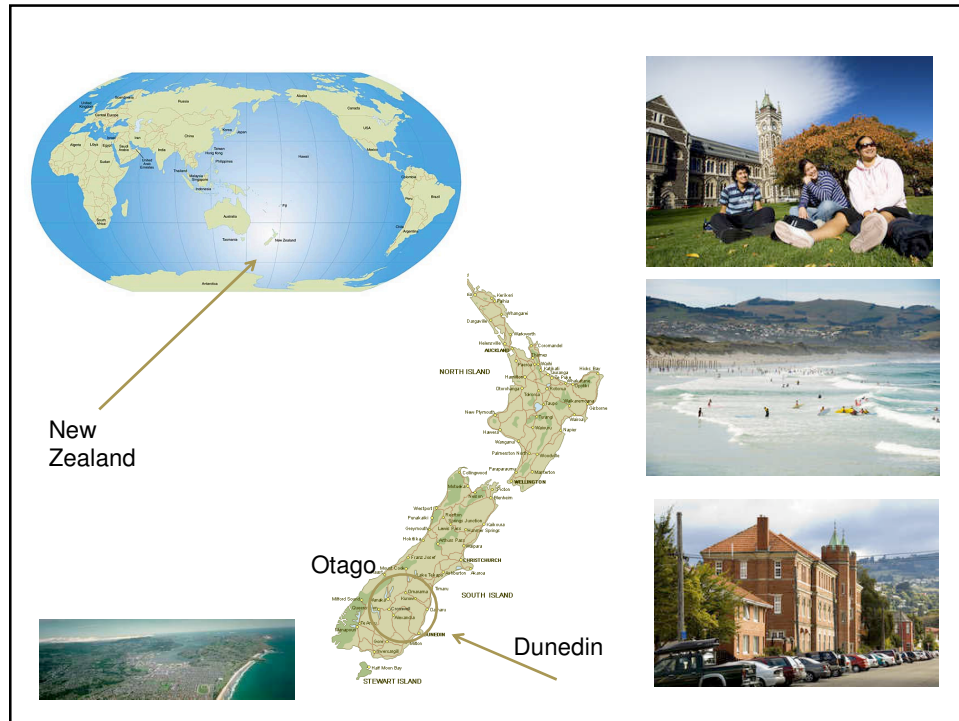
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Strategically enhancing student engagement in the first year: *focusing on sustainable interventions*

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CONTEXT?



Student Learning Centre

Workshops

Consultations

Embedding skills in
curriculum..? Quite a
distance to go

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More.. more ..
Workshops

More.. More..
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→
Workshops in
departments

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More.. More Workshops in departments

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Not Sustainable

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More.. More.. Consultations

More.. More Workshops in departments

What can we do?

COMPLEX SET OF
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RESEARCH

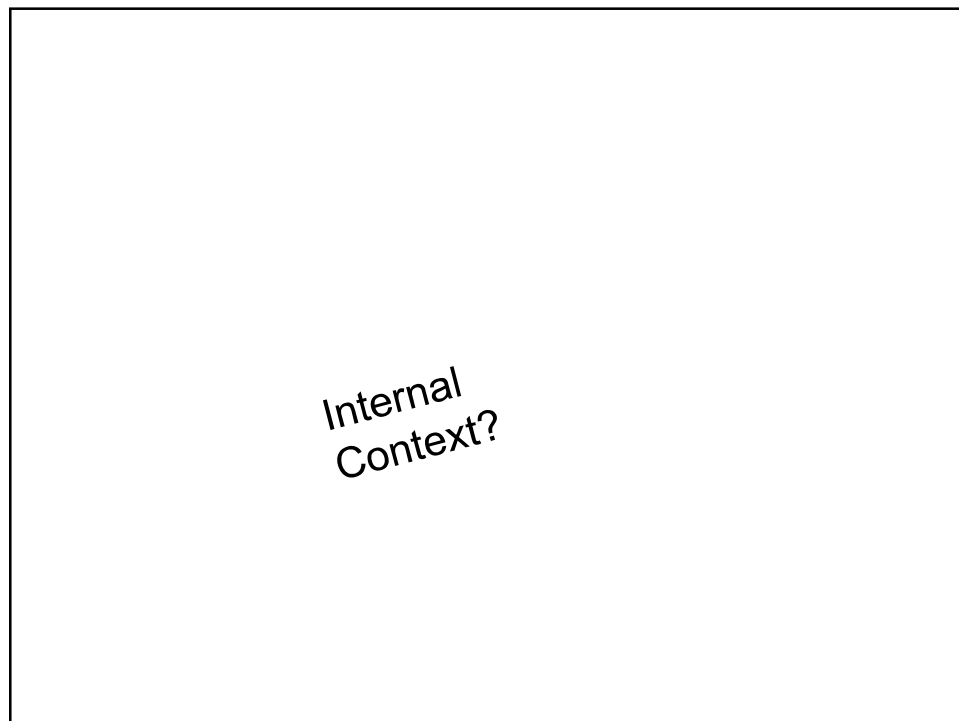
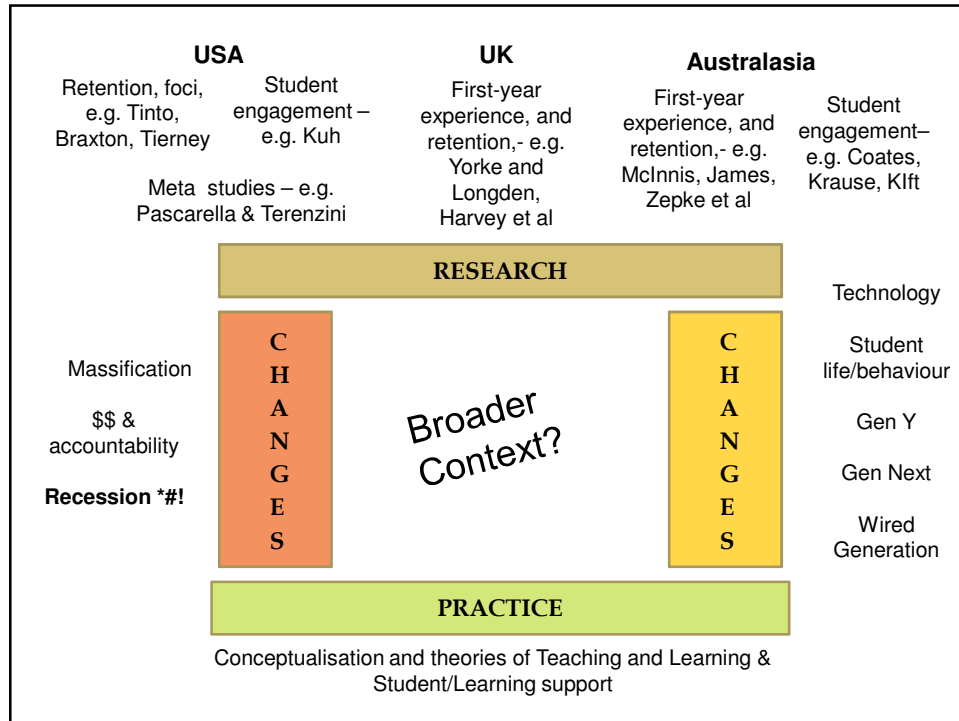
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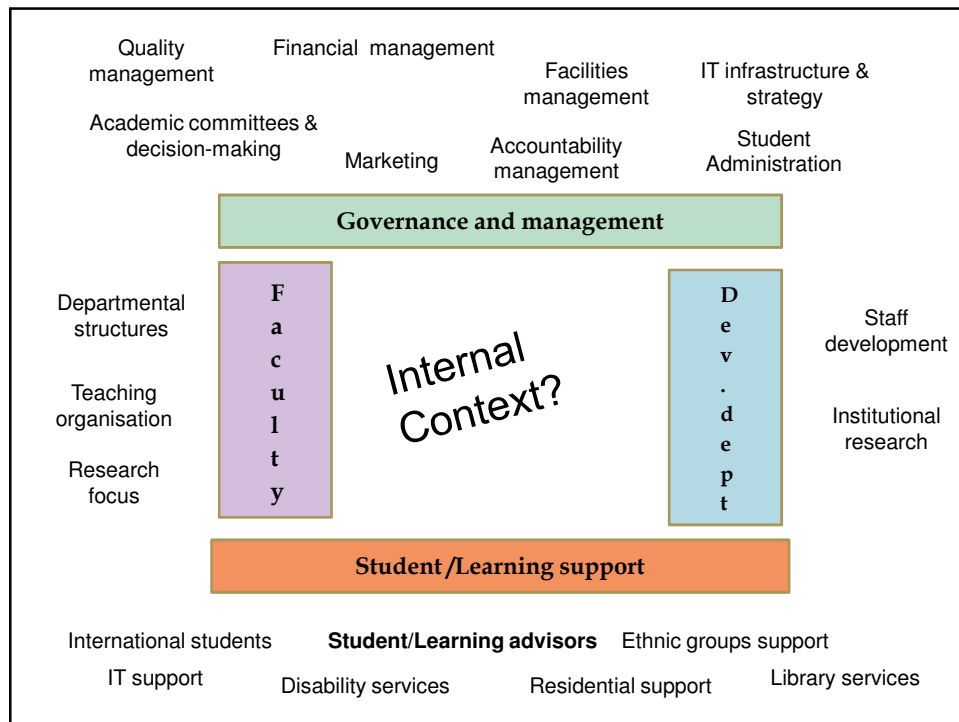


Complexity ..?



Rationale ..?





What can we do?

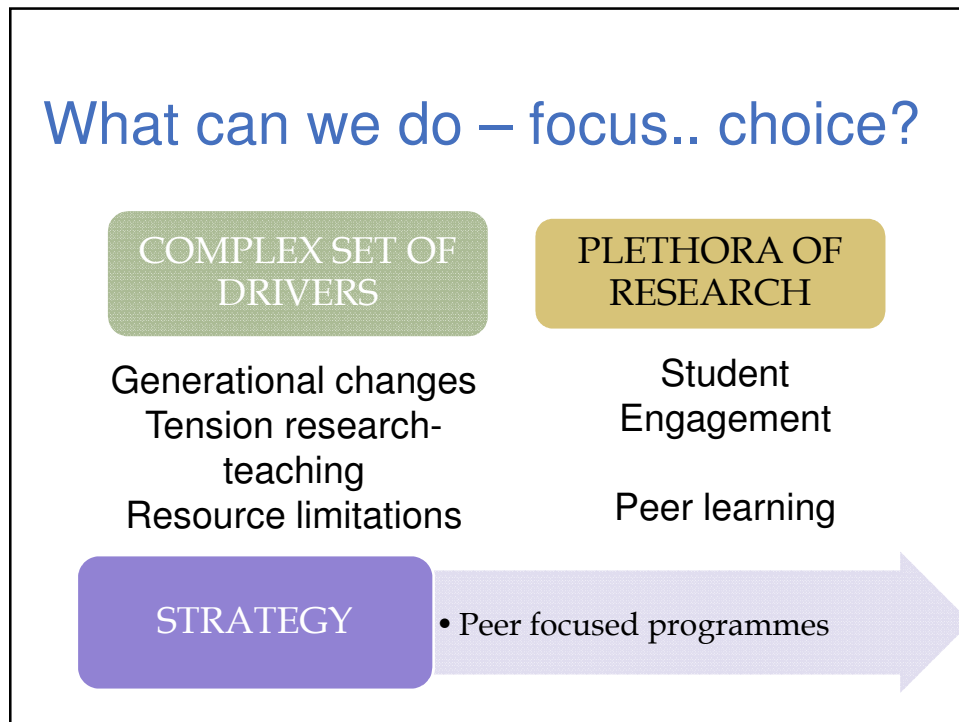
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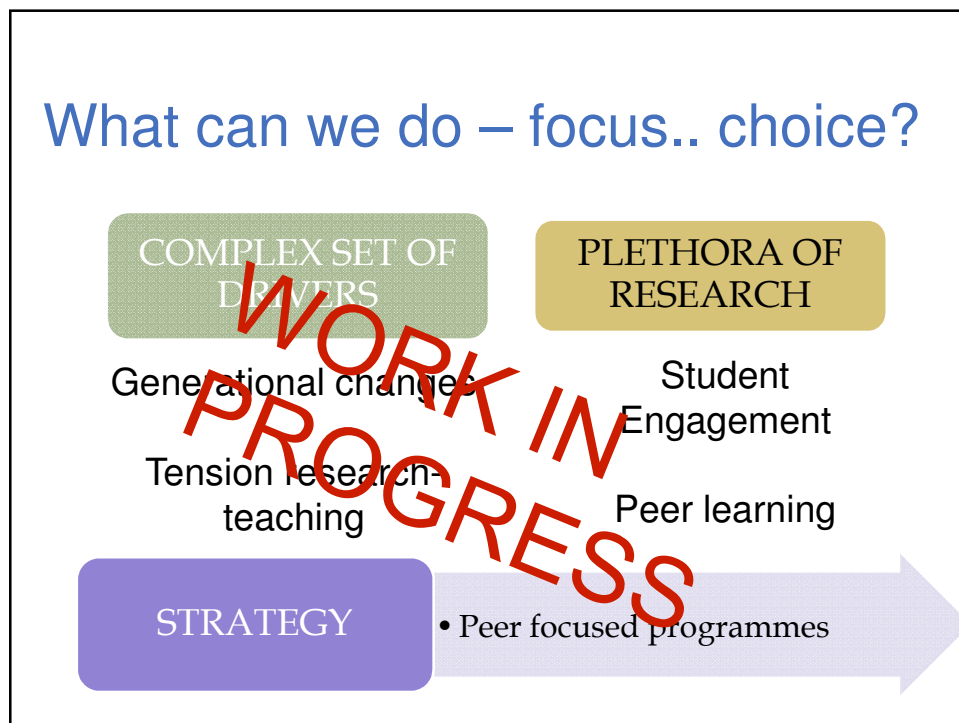
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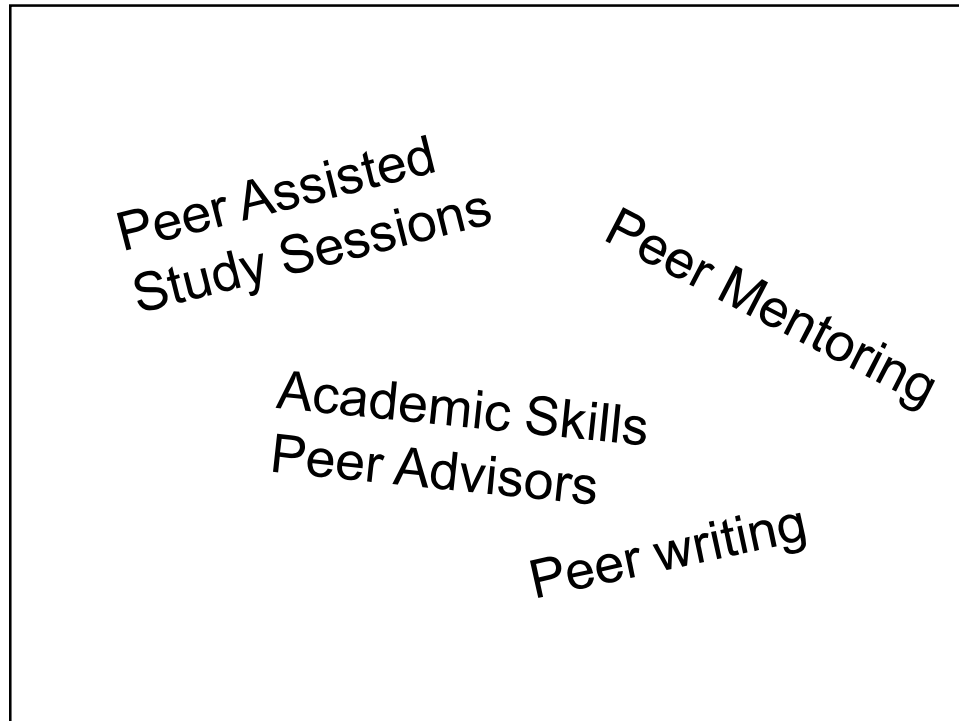


What can we do – focus.. choice?



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WHY FOCUS ON PASS?



Rationale Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS)

Academic skills development: greater reach..

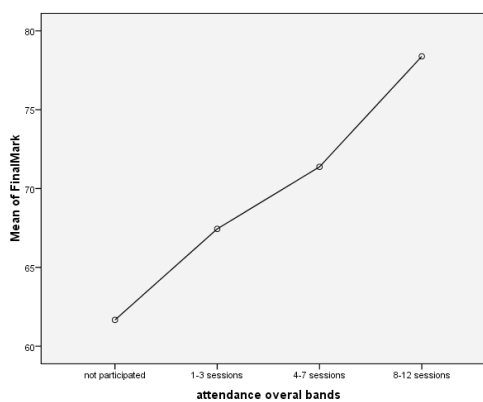
Vital peer-peer engagement..

PILOT RESULTS?



Attendance	Final marks for all enrolled students			Final marks for students who met terms		
	Mean	N	Std. Deviation	Mean	N	Std. Deviation
Did not participate	61.67	529	23.187	67.06	475	17.164
1-3 sessions	67.44	66	18.498	70.02	63	14.400
4-7 sessions	71.38	45	16.258	73.53	43	12.999
8-12 sessions	78.38	55	12.893	78.38	55	12.893
Total	64.17	695	22.270	68.77	636	16.654

PILOT RESULTS?




$F_{(3,632)} = .9422, p < .001$

Cohen's $d = .75$.

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WHAT DO LEADERS GET OUT OF ALL THIS?




Leaders..?

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WHAT DO LEADERS GET OUT OF ALL THIS?



Well..

\$\$ (sometimes) ..

altruistic pay-off


meaningful engagement

‘teaching’ = learning

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP?




More?

Development of leadership aspirations and understanding
→
Student Leadership Development Programme

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INSTITUTIONAL BENEFITS?




More sustainable (resources)

Development of student competencies

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WHERE FROM
HERE?




Scaling up
(PASS in residential colleges?)

Other?
Credit-bearing courses

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Your experiences?

Your ideas?