# The PE Shed Making PE equipment more accessible for students and staff.

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### Tips!

## Organisation is the key

Accessibility of equipment reduces barriers to quality teaching in Physical Education. Taking the time to organise your PE shed at the start of the year will create an efficient and effective space that encourages busy teachers to view and utilise equipment, ultimately enhancing their PE programmes. It will also make it easier to maintain. Consider having a quick working bee, early in term one to clean and organise the shed in a visually pleasing way, with easily accessible equipment.

### Have an inventory

- Do a stock take twice a year
- Count EVERYTHING
- The inventory list should show priorities
- Record the condition of gear
- What do we have? What do we need?



Priority	Material and supplies			Condition	Have	Ideal	Need
Con	dition: G= Good	R=Rubbish	F=Fair	D=Don	ate	P=Poor	

## Organising a tidy PE shed

- Clearly label your shelves and storage containers
- Large plastic tubs or buckets e.g. paint buckets
- Lots of small coloured buckets
- Shelving/storage racks large
- Store equipment off the ground with hooks and bags
- Carabiners to hang bags on hooks.
- Big bins for storing equipment in on the shelves
- Storage bins with lids and wheels
- Wheelie bins and shopping trolleys
- Use bungee ropes to hold gear in place







#### **Transporting equipment**

Think about making it as easy as possible to carry the equipment you need for a PE lesson - often it's the students who are carrying the gear, right? We suggest having some of the following in your PE shed to ensure moving cumbersome equipment is easy.

- Mesh bags of various sizes (inexpensive options)
- Bags with wheels
- Collapsible carts
- Knapsacks
- Buckets with handles

### **Equipment wishlist**

We'd recommend the following equipment for primary/intermediate schools:

- Mulitpurpose hoops, cones, frisbees, marking spots, bands/bibs, skipping ropes, bean bags, blindfolds, pool noodles, quoits, flags, foam vortex
- Large balls rugby, volley, netball, football, basketball, dodgeballs, kī o rahi
- Smaller balls tennis (lots!), hockey, softball, foam, cricket
- Other balls odd shapes textures, materials
- Bats/sticks/racquets cricket, tennis, softball, padder tennis, table tennis, hockey
- Batting tees, wickets, goals, nets, pop-up goals
- Parachute
- Buckets
- Colour coded equipment in rainbow colours helps with organising teams and stations.

#### Someone borrowed the PE shed key and now you can't find it?

Consider:

- Keyless entry
- Lock box for the key
- All staff have a key!

