

South Africa: student engagement drives digital transformation

South Africa pushes digital skills training among students and staff to implement new technologies

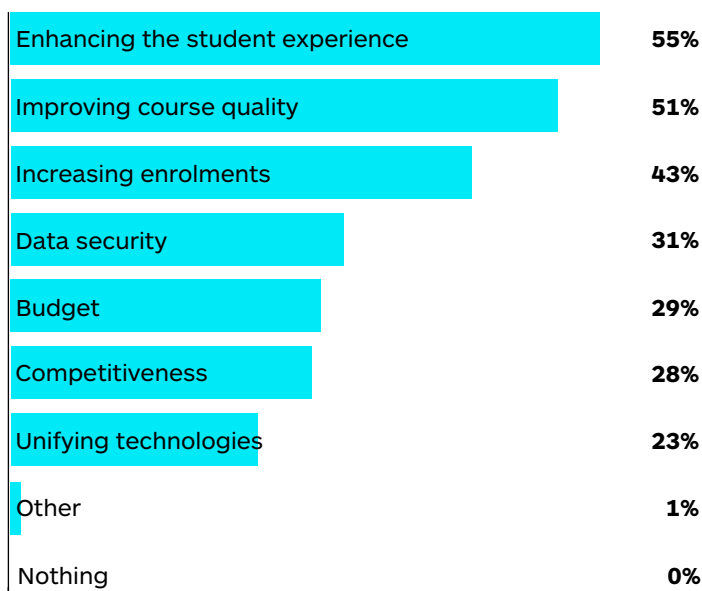
To understand how digital transformation is progressing, D2L has undertaken a survey of 4,830 higher education respondents around the world, including individuals in South Africa. The results show that institutions in South Africa's higher education sector have acted with student satisfaction at the

heart of their digital transformation strategies, dramatically reshaping their offerings in the process.

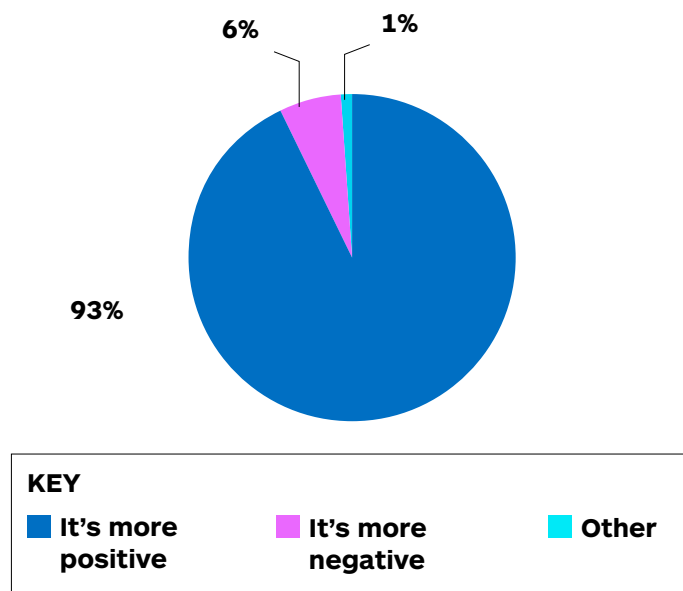
Read on to discover the key findings of the survey, and delve deeper into South Africa's digital transformation by registering to download the full eBook on the EMEA region.

Digging into the data

What is driving institutions' digital transformation strategies?



If attitudes towards edtech changed because of the pandemic, how have they changed?



DID YOU KNOW? Ninety-two per cent of respondents believe institutions need to digitally transform to enable future growth



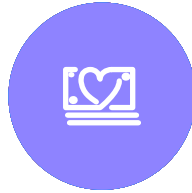
DID YOU KNOW? Eighty-nine per cent of respondents believe that technological developments enhance the quality of higher education at their institution

Challenges to overcome



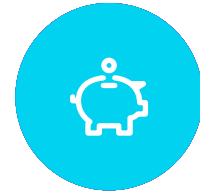
ACCESS TO THE INTERNET AND DEVICES

For 42% of respondents, one of the obstacles they face with digital transformation is student access to the internet and devices



COST ESCALATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEPENDENCE

For 35% of respondents, cost escalation and technological dependence is an obstacle to transformation



COST

For another 35% of respondents, cost is one of the obstacles they face when implementing their digital transformation strategy

What's next?

59%

of respondents say improving digital skills in the academic community is one of their priorities

55%

of respondents say enhancing the online provision at their institution is one of their priorities

54%

of respondents say investing in online examination and proctoring tools is one of their priorities

Conclusion

As digital transformation in South Africa's higher education sector gains momentum, digital skills and capabilities will be indispensable to support students and staff. Institutions must ensure all stakeholders are well equipped for the change. **Read the full EMEA eBook to find out what the future holds for South Africa.**

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