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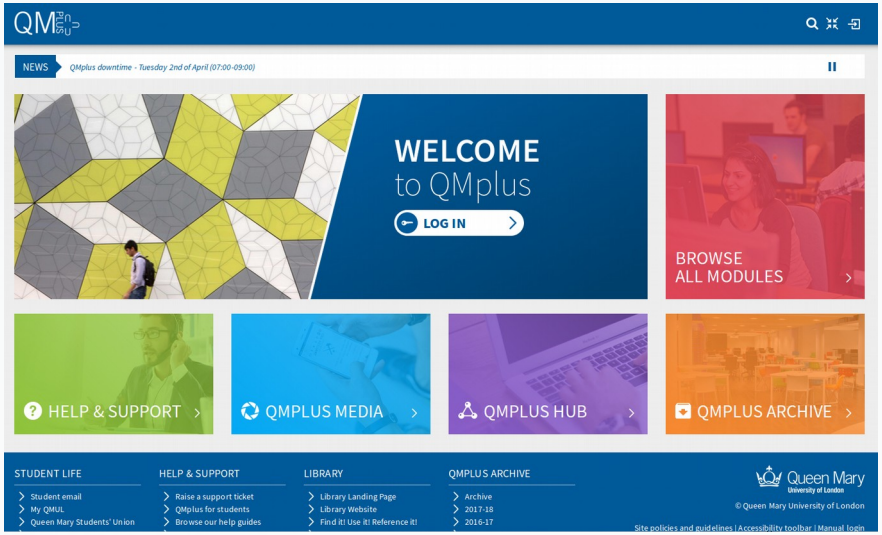
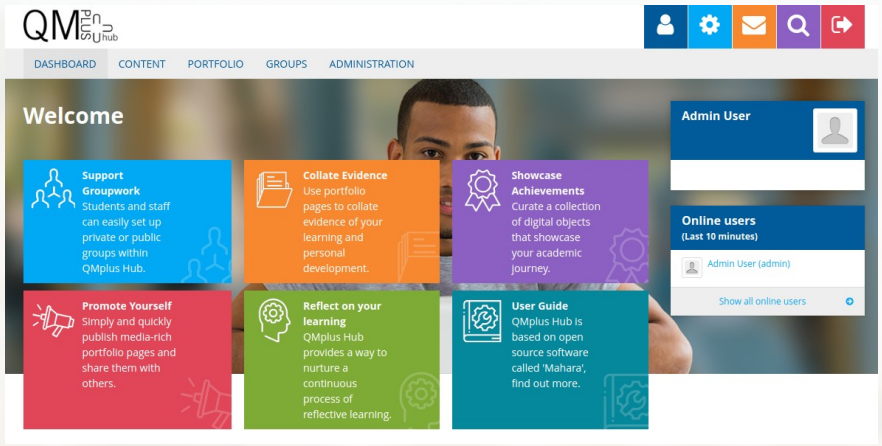
Moodle, Mahara, MNET, theme – the student's world

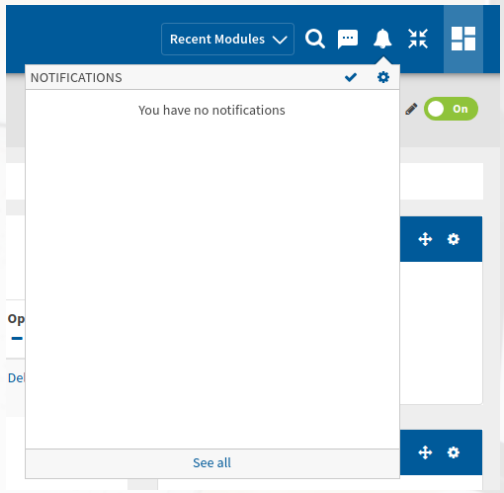


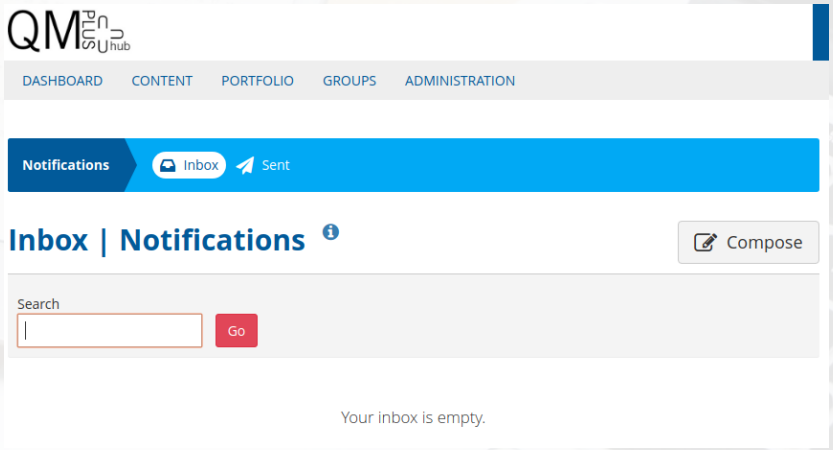


Moodle, Mahara, coherent theme

- Each site has its own brand – QMPlus / QMPlus Hub
- Different 'brands' allow for different expectations between platforms
- But coherent theme ideas – colours, structure, layout – bring it together
- A great place to start!

But they're still two different systems

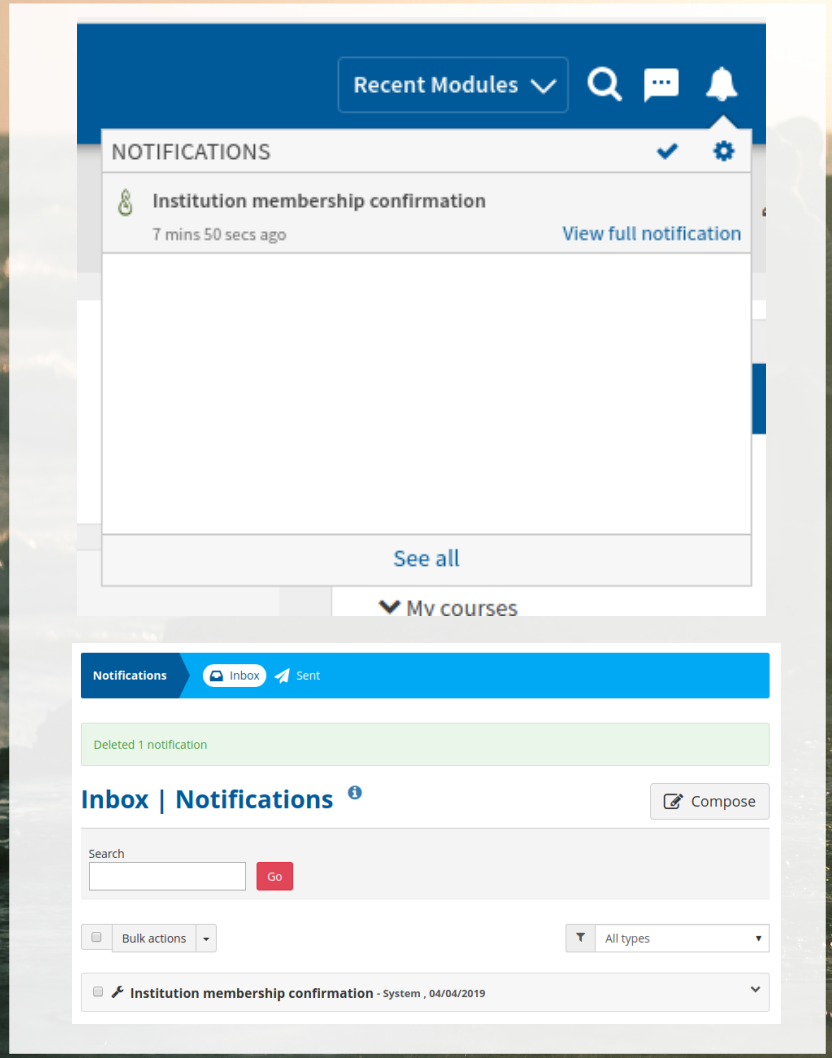




Two systems – two sets of alerts!

- Never designed for sharing
- Notionally self-contained
- You'd always go to the Moodle – how do you know to go to Mahara for anything?

Solution: synchronise the messages

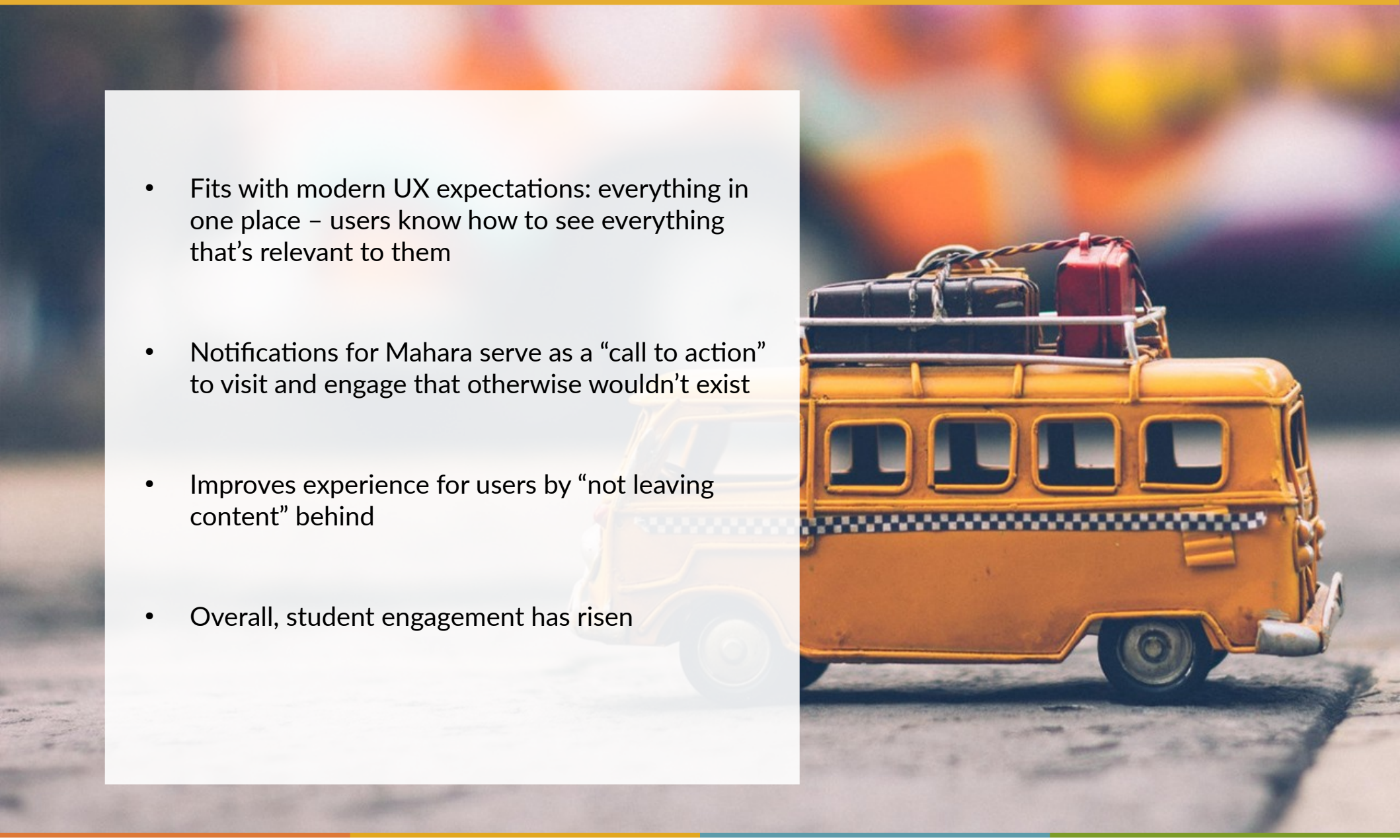


Two become one...

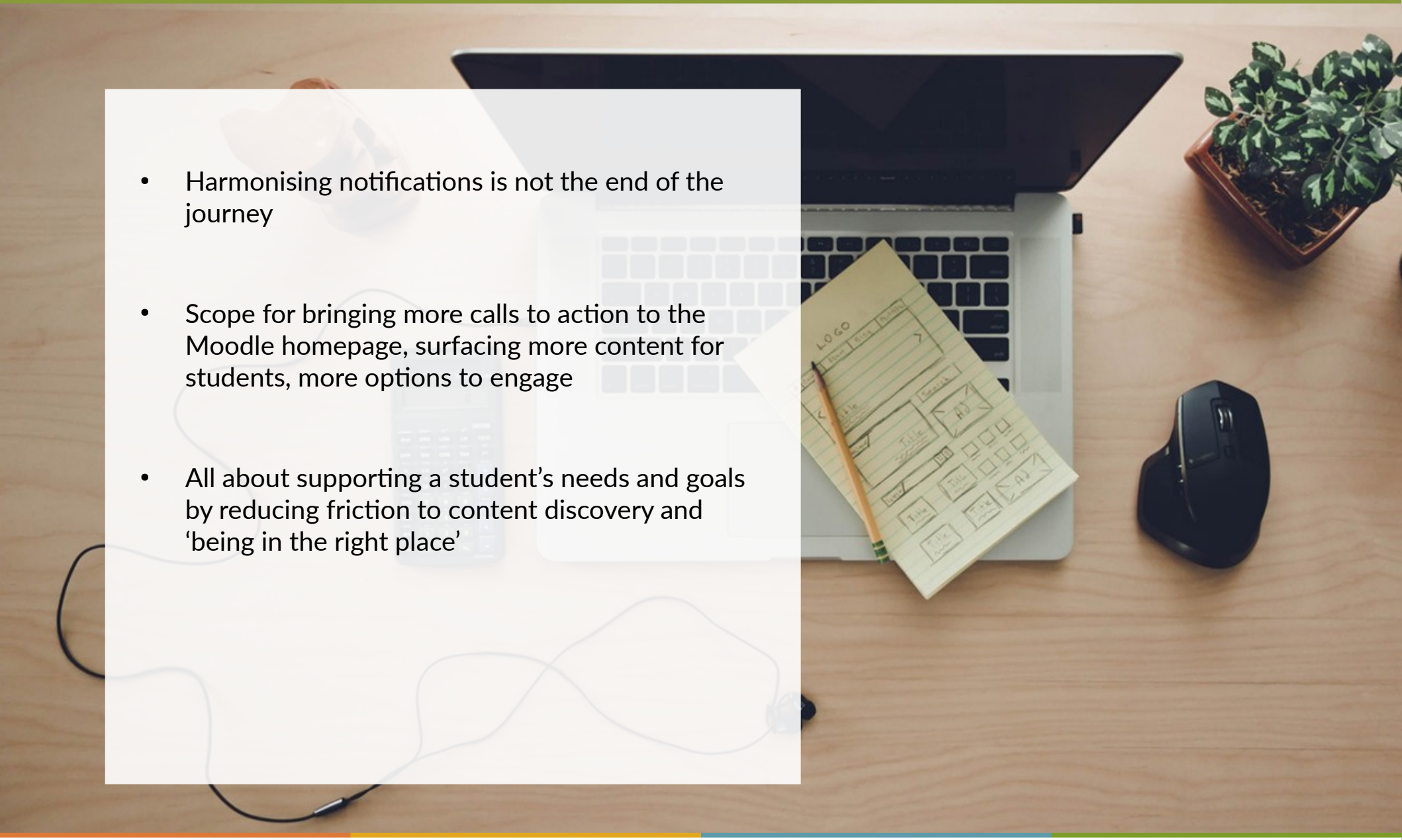
- Mahara notifications are sent to Moodle – Moodle is the student's home, everything lives in there
- Moodle notifications are not sent to Mahara – no point having users bounce back and forth
- Notifications left in Mahara so links from Moodle work as expected

Driving usage

- Fits with modern UX expectations: everything in one place – users know how to see everything that's relevant to them
- Notifications for Mahara serve as a "call to action" to visit and engage that otherwise wouldn't exist
- Improves experience for users by "not leaving content" behind
- Overall, student engagement has risen

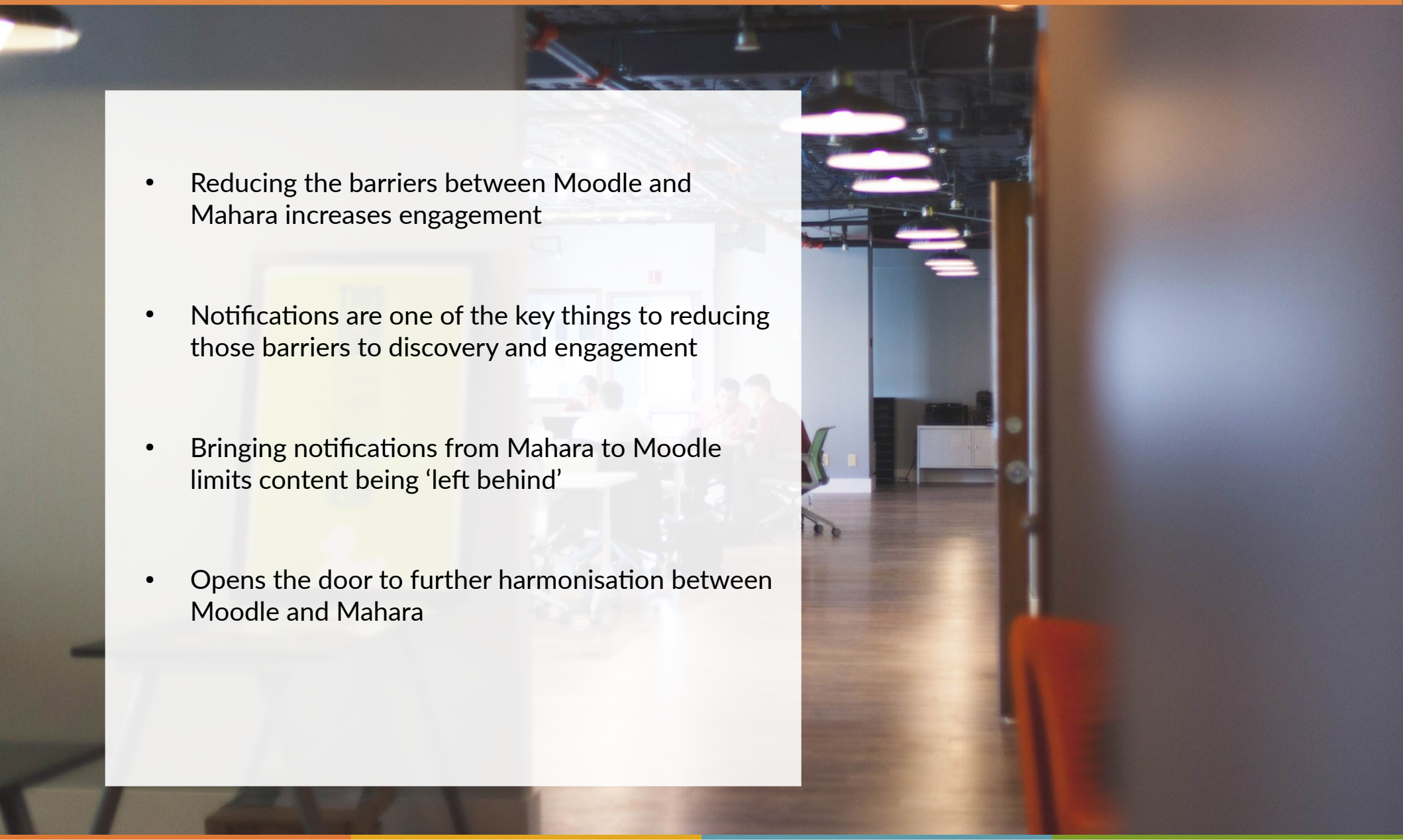


Future thoughts



- Harmonising notifications is not the end of the journey
- Scope for bringing more calls to action to the Moodle homepage, surfacing more content for students, more options to engage
- All about supporting a student's needs and goals by reducing friction to content discovery and 'being in the right place'

Summary



- Reducing the barriers between Moodle and Mahara increases engagement
- Notifications are one of the key things to reducing those barriers to discovery and engagement
- Bringing notifications from Mahara to Moodle limits content being ‘left behind’
- Opens the door to further harmonisation between Moodle and Mahara

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