Digital Learning News
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Blog Posts

Artlink to Archibald - Over the past two weeks, students from Victorian schools have been engaging in an exciting virtual event celebrating portraiture in art, Artlink to Archibald, presented by the Art Gallery of Ballarat’s Archibald Education Program. The program included a brief history of portraiture, an overview of the Archibald Prize exhibition, and a portrait workshop with a professional artist. More...

Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities - DET is offering two free professional learning opportunities, ‘Implementing a 1-to-1 Program in your School’ and ‘International Classroom telecommunications with South Korea: emerging research’ (via Polycom and MSLYNC). More...

Victorian Education Excellence Awards – Winners Announced! - On Friday 30th October on World Teachers Day in Australia, the winners of the 2015 Victorian Education Excellence Awards were announced at a prestigious presentation. More...

Virtual Learning News
Upcoming events from Electroboard (Polycom): See the See, Share, Shape website for Virtual Excursions

Virtual Learning Senior Project Officers, Jo Tate (tate.joanne.e@edumail.vic.gov.au) and Butch (Gary) Schultz (schultz.gary.r@edumail.vic.gov.au) support the development of Virtual Conferencing across Victoria.

Virtual Conference Centre (VCC) coaches are available to assist teachers and students to prepare for a virtual conference. They can assist with setting up hardware and software, and can share ideas for connecting with others. Coaching occurs online via discussion forums, email and web conferences, by phone or by site visits.

For more information on Virtual Conference Coaches, see: DET Virtual Conferencing Hub

Professional Learning and Classroom Opportunities - see our Professional Learning Calendar for a full list of events

- School ICT Planning:
  The School ICT Planning Process will assist schools to plan for ICT to improve learning, teaching and administration.

- Term Four workshops. All workshops run from 9:30pm – 4:00pm
  o 17th Nov - Bayside SDS – the Jan Lake Centre: Register here

- Digital Learning & Teaching Victoria
  - For all DLTV Professional Learning and events, see Professional Learning and Events https://dltv.vic.edu.au/events
  - To view articles regarding ICT in education see DLTV publications, https://dltv.vic.edu.au/publications/journals/DLTV

- Learning and Teaching with Digital Technologies, Tools and Resources:
  A no cost professional learning workshop for teachers and Leaders designed to harness blogging, digital content in FUSE, interactive web 2.0 tools, coding and programming and more to support student learning. All workshops run from 1:30pm - 4:30pm
  o Wed 18th Nov – Library at the Dock, Docklands

  - Registration is compulsory, please register at http://bit.ly/1TH33ci

- Microsoft EduCast brings together academic leaders, innovative institutions, and pioneering educators in a monthly series for educators.

  - Register for this live webinar series at http://www.pil-network.com/pd/VUWebinars
Implementing or updating a 1-1 program in your school

Forums for school leaders, ICT and Curriculum Coordinators to provide practical advice and guidance to implement a successful 1-to-1 program. Includes:

- examples of 1-to-1 models including school owned BYOD and co-contribution
- Information about Personal Devices – Parent Payments and Access Policy
- School stories
- Access to a suite of resources to support your 1-to-1 program

Term four dates. **All sessions will run from 2:30pm to 4:30pm**

- 16th Nov - Eaglehawk SC, Bendigo: Register here
- 24th Nov - Northern Bay College (Geelong): Register here
- 25th Nov - Bastow Institute, North Melbourne (Polycom also available at this session): Register here

Adobe

- 18th Nov, time TBC: In My Creative Classroom. Register now>
- 25th Nov, 7:00pm: Student made TV News projects for all KLAs. Register now>
- 9th Nov – 8th Jan: Games Design Course. Enrol now>
- 16th Nov – 8th Jan: Digital Imaging, Enrol now>

- More on professional learning through Adobe is available at [https://edex.adobe.com/professional-development/](https://edex.adobe.com/professional-development/)

Teacher Information Webinars for the new Digital Technologies Curriculum

The Digital Technologies Curriculum forms part of the new Victorian Curriculum F-10. All government schools will be required to implement and report on this in 2017. DET has partnered with DLTV to present two webinars introducing Digital Technologies Curriculum. There is no cost to participate, and will be delivered via the Department’s video conferencing tool, Adobe Connect.

RoboCats is currently recruiting secondary school girls (14-18) for their 2016 team.

- In 2015, an all girls’ Victorian team, ‘RoboCats’ competed in the FIRST Robotics Regional Tournament in Sydney and received the Judges’ Award.
- Interested students should contact Therese Keane (tkeane@swin.edu.au).
- For further information
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<td>24th Nov, 5:30 to 7:00pm: The Digital Technologies Curriculum: Getting Started in the Primary School</td>
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<td>To find out about Professional Learning opportunities visit <a href="http://www.bastow.vic.edu.au/courses">http://www.bastow.vic.edu.au/courses</a> or phone Bastow on (03) 8199 2900.</td>
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| DK2 and Canterbury PS Present: Leading Digital Change-Collaboration and Conversations | **Date:** Friday 13th November  
**Venue:** Canterbury Primary School, Molesworth Street, Canterbury  
**Time:** 9:00am to 3:30pm  
**Registration cost:** $200 (+GST) per person - a 20% discount applies to breakout session presenters.  
**‘Opportunity Makers’** - [TEDxRosalindParkED 2016](http://tedxrosalindparked.com/call-for-papers/). Successful applicants will be advised in early December.  
**If you wish to attend the 2016 event, it is strongly recommended that you register your email address at [http://tedxrosalindparked.com/attend/](http://tedxrosalindparked.com/attend/). Tickets are expected to be in short supply for the 2016 conference.**  |
| ‘Opportunity Makers’** - [TEDxRosalindParkED 2016](http://tedxrosalindparked.com/call-for-papers/) |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| STEM in Schools – Making and Creating | **Date:** 26th November 8:30-3pm, Free event  
**Attendees will learn how to establish a makerspace and club in their own schools & networks to kick start making and creating.**  |
• This free event is proudly supported by Google, Latrobe University, Charles La Trobe P-12 College. A limit of 2 tickets per signup applies.

Conferences and Events

• ‘Careers Without Borders’, NAGCAS (National Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services) Conference 2015: 29 November - 2 December 2015, University of Melbourne. More...

• CEAV Career Conference 2015 – Career Development in a Changing World – global mobility and STEM careers: 8th & 9th December, Deakin University. More...

AusVELS Digital Technologies Resources

• Digital Technologies Curriculum - The Digital Technologies curriculum enables students to become confident and creative developers of digital solutions through the application of information systems and specific ways of thinking about problem solving. More...

• Digital Technologies – This page, published on the DET website provide key information and links to the new Digital Technologies curriculum. More...

Resources

• Open Educational Resources (OER) Toolkit for Teachers, Curriculum and eLearning Developers - The National Copyright Unit (NCU), with help from the Australian Government Open Access and Licensing Framework (AusGOAL), has produced an Open Educational Resources (OER) Toolkit for Teachers, Curriculum and eLearning Developers. The Toolkit can be found on the Smartcopying website here: http://www.smartcopying.edu.au/open-education/open-education-resources/open-educational-resources-(oer)-a-toolkit-for-teachers-curriculum-and-elearning-developers.

• 10 Ways to Use Instagram In Your Classroom – This infographic takes a look at ten different ways you can put Instagram to use in your classroom. Have you used it in other ways? More...
• Each fortnight we feature one of our Digital Deck cards. The Digital Deck features digital resources, providing an overview, how to get started, and ideas for the classroom. For the full version of Digital Deck, visit https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/pages/View.aspx?pin=J7QNR9

• If you have any of your own ideas for Digital Deck cards and would like to submit them to the Digital Learning team, please contact rowe.penelope.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Digital Deck 8: What is...desktop publishing?

• Desktop publishing generally refers to the use of WYSIWYG (What You See Is What You Get) page layout software to create a document which can be printed so that it looks the same in print as the on-screen version. The professional publishing industry use software such as Adobe InDesign or Quark XPress. Students can hone their desktop publishing skills on software such as Microsoft Publisher (available on the eduSTAR image), Apple Pages or the open source Scribus, that is free to download and use www.scribus.net

Getting started today

• Take a look through your favourite magazines, closely examining the way images, text and colours are arranged.

• Use a desktop publishing program to try and recreate a page that appeals to you. Many ‘zines’ will have some pages from their magazine online for you to checkout, such as Triple J’s, J Mag. www.abc.net.au/triplej/jmag

• Get to know Microsoft Publisher. http://office.microsoft.com/en-au/publisher/

• Use the ‘help’ files in your desktop publishing program to learn how to use a variety of important page layout tools, such as:
  o grouping items
  o using gradient fills
  o adding a drop shadow to images or text
  o creating columns of text in a document
  o layering
  o using automatic functions such as page numbering or tables of content.

Ideas for the classroom

• Create a school magazine featuring photographs, scanned artworks, and a variety of text and font styles - the challenge with desktop publishing, however, is not to go overboard, but to maintain a consistent theme throughout. Perhaps limit the font selection to around three fonts or choose colours based on house colours or school colours.

• Create a brochure for a Science or Humanities project.
• Approach local businesses and ask if you can redesign some of their documents, such as menus at a local cafe, a catalogue for a local toy store or a brochure for a community group.
• Design the signage and program for a school performance.

More on desktop publishing

Research and Opinion

Modelling Constructive Online Behaviour - Plenty of students may know how to create digital media, but too few know how to produce engaging, high-quality content, the kind that makes them stand out not only to college admission officers, but also to potential employers. What does that kind of quality involve? More...

DEECD Mail

• Digital Technologies Curriculum: Teacher Information Webinars - Registrations open. The Digital Technologies Curriculum forms part of the new Victorian Curriculum F-10, recently launched by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). All government schools will be required to implement and report on this in 2017. Information is available via the VCAA website, and can be accessed here. (DET School Update 10th November 2015 & 27 October 2015) More...

Please feel free to pass this on and contact me on brown.jillian.k@edumail.vic.gov.au if you have something you wish to share.

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