



The Victorian
Information Technology
Teachers Association Inc.

New Thinking, New Technologies for Student Engagement

**An innovative one-day ICT conference
for all learning areas**

Attention:

> Principals > Leadership teams >
Teachers of Middle Years > ICT
Coordinators > PD Coordinators >
Curriculum Coordinators >

**Monday 21 August 2006
9.30am - 3.30pm
Registration & Coffee 9.00am**

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Karralyka Centre
Mines Road
Ringwood East
(free parking on site)

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What's this conference about?

New Thinking, New Technologies for Student Engagement is about using ICT to promote thinking and creativity as integral to our everyday classrooms.

“Virtually all those who study the Net Generation believe that their preference for experiential, hands-on learning is a distinguishing characteristic...Students report that ICT in schools is disappointing...that teachers' use of ICT is uninspiring. Their greatest use of technologies is outside of schools.”

(Diane Oblinger, Educause, 2005)

Consider the levels of creative engagement in your school or classroom.

- What new and emerging technologies enhance learning for students?
- How can you use new technologies to promote creativity and enterprise in your classroom?
- Are there ways to use new technologies to make learning more successful?
- How can I learn to use new technologies to stimulate student thinking and collaboration?

the program

9.00 am Registration

9.30 am Keynote – Learning to Play: the digital playground as a classroom
Professor (Dr) Katherine Blashki
Chair of New Media Technologies
Deakin University

10.30 am Morning Tea

11.00 am Using PDAs in the Classroom
Phil Callil, Xavier College

11.30 am iPods and Podcasting
David Patrao, Apple Computers Australia

12.00 noon Blogs for Collaborative Learning
Heather Blakey, dailywriting.net

12.30 pm Lunch

1.30 pm Smartboards: Using them Effectively
Jeremy Radovic, Electroboard

2.00 pm Using Kahootz in the Classroom
Maree Leopold, Roxburgh Homestead PS

2.30 pm Creating a 24/7 Classroom
Andrew Douch, Shepparton High School

3.00 pm Using Photostory and Producer for PowerPoint to integrate ICT and VELs
Michael Fitzgerald, Heathmont College

3.30 pm Close

session details

Professor (Dr) Katherine Blashki **Chair of New Media Technologies, Deakin University**

Dr Katherine Blashki is Professor of New Media Technologies at Deakin University. She has a diverse range of research interests including narrative and representation in new media, children's interaction with new media and specifically games design and development, all of which is suffused with an abiding interest in education. Kathy admits (somewhat sheepishly) to many sleepless nights in front of a screen trying to figure out how to get out of yet another dead end in *Myst*.

11.00am Session 1

Session 11.00am **Using PDAs in the Classroom** **Phil Callil, Xavier College**

Handheld technologies have the capacity to excite and engage students in the VELS interdisciplinary domains. Participants will learn how to use PDAs (Personal Digital Assistants) in the Middle School classroom.

Session 11.30am **iPods and Podcasting** **David Patrao, Apple Computers**

Podcasting is not something that is just for the techno wiz in the school. There are curriculum applications in all subject areas, and will be increasingly so. This session will explore how schools can apply podcasting in their environments.

Session 12.00 noon **Blogs for Collaborative Learning** **Heather Blakey, dailywriting.net**

Heather Blakey will dip into her box of creative stimuli and demonstrate how to engage students using Edublog. She will present an engaging VELS based activity and show how Edublog provides real publishing opportunities for students.

1.30pm Session 2

Session 1.30pm **Smartboards** **Jeremy Radovic, Electroboard**

Smartboards can turn your computer into a powerful tool for teaching, collaborating and presenting. Learn how to begin with a simple slide show presentation, write notes on the board with electronic pens, run any software application installed on your PC, browse the Internet, add in video conferencing, and even record the entire session for later playback!

Session 2.00pm **Creating a 24/7 Classroom** **Andrew Douch, Shepparton High School**

Teachers at Wanganui Park Secondary College have been creating a virtual classroom using blogs, podcasts and discussion boards to shift content delivery and classroom discussion from the 4 hours of real class time a week to the other 164 hours in a student's week, freeing up real class time for exploring difficult-to-grasp concepts at greater depth than was previously possible.

Session 2.30pm **Using Kahootz in the Classroom** **Maree Leopold, Roxburgh Homestead PS**

Participants will hear about Kahootz in the classroom and how to integrate 3D multimedia into stimulating, engaging curriculum activities that address the VELS across all year levels.

Session 3.00pm **Using Photostory and Producer for PowerPoint to integrate ICT and VELS - Michael Fitzgerald, Heathmont College**

Photostory and Producer for PowerPoint enable teachers and students to address the VELS through the creative use of video, sound, images and slides. Hear how a group of teachers worked collaboratively to learn and provide for student engagement with the VELS.

registration details

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