Digital Learning News

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Hi everyone – as the end of the year approaches we have two blog posts for you this week as well as our updated iPads for Learning website.

This week's blog posts:

2012 Trends in Online Learning: Virtual, blended and flipped classrooms outlines the effectiveness and impact of technology in a variety of learning modes and provides an insight into future applications of technology enabling student learning and engagement.   This post links to this report and looks at what is happening in Victoria including:

- A link to Steve Seddon's blog who is using Verso for flipped learning in his science classroom
- Resources to support you to flip your classroom
- Information about virtual learning in Victoria
- Links to eBooks developed to support teachers with blended learning in their classroom

Different ways to blog: Blogs were traditionally personal websites or web pages on where individuals could record opinions, link to other sites etc. on a regular basis. Today however, the blogging platform is used in many different ways and provides a great online space to share resources and collaborate with other teachers or students. View examples of Victorian blogs and access resources to support your blogging.

Professional Learning	
DEECD virtual conferencing sessions – 28 Jan 2014	- A range of virtual conferencing sessions are being planned for January 28th 2014. These sessions are for teachers and will cover a range of digital learning topics. - More details to follow
ICTEV Professional Learning Events	**Flipping Your Classroom** The workshops will be facilitated by Dr Tim Kitchen, Adobe's Senior Education Advocate for Asia Pacific and Vice President of VITTA and DLTVic (as of 1st January, 2014). Tim is a regular writer and presenter for a wide range of national and international education journals and conferences. Before working for Adobe he was the Director

of Learning Technologies at Strathcona Baptist Girls Grammar School.

- 12 December 9:30 – 15:30
- 12 December 16:30 – 18:30
- 11 February 9:30 – 18:30
- 11 February 16:30 – 18:30
- 17 March 9:30-15:30
- 17 March 16:30 – 18:30

Practical Digital Learning and Teaching – **Northern Region Conference @ Epping views Primary School**

- Kick off your 2014 Professional Learning Calendar at the Northern Region ICT Education Conference: Practical Digital Learning and Teaching @ Epping Views Primary School.
- 30 January 9:00 – 16:00

Leading schools in the digital age – for school leaders.

Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership

- This course explores the roles of school leaders as organisational, instructional and professional leaders in the digital age. The course will provide participants with a valuable opportunity to be exposed to current thinking about digital learning and whole school change, enabling them to build on their own knowledge in practical and stimulating ways.
- To effectively integrate the learning and implement change, two participants from each school are invited to attend the Leading Schools in the Digital Age course – preferably a Principal class member plus a teacher who has responsibility for leading digital change within the school.
- Applications for the 2014 course close on 10 December

Intel Elements

Intel® Education Australia

- New resource for **Intel Teach Elements** courses: Courses have now been mapped to the Australian National Professional Teacher Standards (NPTS). A new NPTS Reference Guide has been published for each course detailing how specific modules, lessons and activities align with focus areas of the National Standards.
- All Australian teachers can use these NPTS Reference Guides to provide detail to their employer or accrediting organisation regarding PD undertaken through Intel Teach Elements courses.
  - **Collaboration in the Digital Classroom** Learn how, where and when to integrate collaborative, online tools into learning, deepening students' understanding of content and developing their 21st century skills. View course
  - **Assessment in 21st Century Classrooms:** Discover new assessment strategies that transform teaching practice and stimulate

	student learning. View course
	○ **Project-Based Approaches:** Find out how to get the most educational value from projects and use technology to support and enhance project-based learning. View course
Perfecting the blend 2013 conference (DEECD/ACMI conference)	• 10-11 December @ACMI • Join education leaders as they share the latest innovations in blended learning, virtual delivery and classroom video conferencing

Check out our Professional Learning page – it has heaps of information, links to providers and details about virtual conference sessions.

Resources iPads for Learning Website

The iPads for Learning Website has been updated to provide practical advice, classroom ideas, case studies, reviewed apps and key findings from the Departments iPads for Learning Trial.

Over 200 Educational Apps have been reviews and can be search via subject area, function and price.

DEECD Circulars

S504-2013 New sexting resource 'So you got naked online' a resource that offers children, young people and parents advice and provides strategies to support the issues resulting from sexting incidents. Go to webpage to download the resource.

S487-2013 Cessation of access to the Ultranet on 19 December 2013 19 December will be the last day that schools will be able to access the Ultranet in 2013. Schools choosing not to continue access in 2014 through NEC will need to ensure they have extracted any content, records or data that they wish to keep, or are required to keep, by that date.

If you have found some great resources or doing something in your class that you want to share, please let me know. Please pass this onto anyone you think may be interested.

Have a great week.
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