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Happy Reading! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | **This Weeks Blog Posts**  Earlier this week Department of Education and Early Childhood Development released its Digital Learning Strategy, Unlocking the Potential – A digital learning strategy for Victorian learning and development settings (2014 – 2017). The Digital Learning Strategy outlines the Department’s plan to strengthen digital learning in order to improve learner outcomes. 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