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| **[Digital Learning News](http://diglearning.global2.vic.edu.au/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)** 7th May 2015 | Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: cid:image020.png@01D054E7.F9626C60 |   |
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| **Blog Posts** |  |   |
| * **ICT Planning for School Leaders – dates for NEW workshops announced! -** Digital Learning Branch and the Information Technology Division have announced NEW dates for the ICT Planning workshops. These full-day workshops walk school leadership teams through the process of developing a long-term school ICT plan. [*Read more…*](http://diglearning.global2.vic.edu.au/2015/05/05/ict-planning-for-school-leaders-dates-for-new-workshops-announced/)
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|          [**Students Making Good Choices & Great Online Communication Webinars**](http://diglearning.global2.vic.edu.au/2015/05/01/students-making-good-choices-great-online-communication-webinars/) - We invite you and your students to attend two web conferences targeted at Years 4, 5 and 6 students. Each will be hosted by the Department of Education and Training (DET) and presented by the Cybersmart Outreach team. These sessions are available for all Schools. Schools may choose to attend either or both sessions. [*Read more…*](http://diglearning.global2.vic.edu.au/2015/05/01/students-making-good-choices-great-online-communication-webinars/) |   |
|          [**DET Virtual Student Leadership & Debating reaches South Korea**](http://diglearning.global2.vic.edu.au/2015/04/30/det-virtual-student-leadership-debating-reaches-south-korea/)- In Term 1 the Virtual Leadership & Debating program hosted by Benalla P-12 College involved five schools, conducting one debate each week. In Term 2, the Virtual Leadership & Debating program has engaged eighteen schools from across Victoria and are conducting three transmissions and five debates each week. [*Read more…*](http://diglearning.global2.vic.edu.au/2015/04/30/det-virtual-student-leadership-debating-reaches-south-korea/) |   |
| **Virtual Learning News**   |   |
| Term Two events from Electroboard (Polycom)          12th May, 9:30am: Sydney Opera House – Significant Australian Places         12th May, 2:00pm: Fizzics Education – Liquid Nitrogen         12th May and 19th May, 3:30pm: Fizzics Education – Teacher PD         13th May, 11:00am: Harper Collins – A Home Amongst the Gum Trees         14th May, 9:30am, 10:45am, 12:15pm: Sydney Opera House – Aboriginal Perspectives of Bennelong Point         15th May, 9:30am: Sydney Opera House – Aboriginal Perspectives of Bennelong Point         19th May, 2:30pm: Fizzics Education – Blow stuff up and get paid         20th May, 16th Jun and 22nd Jun, 2:00pm: NRL One Community         26th May, 1:45pm: NRL One Community         4th Jun, 12:45pm: Sydney Opera House: Live Stream – The tale of Samulnori         12th Jun, 12:30pm: Sydney Opera House: Live Stream – Chalk About         17th Jun, 9:30am, 10:45am, 12:15pm: Sydney Opera House – Staging Stories         19th Jun, 9:30am, 10:45am, 12:15pm: Sydney Opera House – From Page to Stage *See the* [*See, Share, Shape*](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx) *website for more Virtual Excursions* Other events         [**Great Coding Webinars for Teachers**](http://diglearning.global2.vic.edu.au/2015/03/27/great-coding-webinars-for-teachers/)**-** As part of the [Great Victorian Coding Challenge](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/Pages/coding.aspx) for Education Week, 2015, a series of webinars was delivered by school-based coding experts. Recordings of these webinars can be accessed by [registering](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/codingchallenge) for the Great Victorian Coding Challenge, [here](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/codingchallenge). **** [iPads for Learning – online professional learning facilitated through Polycom and MS Lync](http://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/?FLY9LQ)  - *These sessions are for teachers and leaders who are using iPads in their teaching and learning . Sessions will be supported with materials accessible via the Department’s iTunes U Campus.*         12th May, 3:45pm: [iPad Tips and Tricks](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ipads-for-learning-ipad-tips-and-tricks-tickets-16050006000)         19th May, 3:45pm: [Assessment and Workflow Part 1](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ipads-for-learning-assessment-and-workflow-part-1-tickets-16050025057)         26th May, 3:45pm: [Assessment and Workflow Part 2](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ipads-for-learning-assessment-and-workflow-part-2-tickets-16050058156)         2nd June, 3:45pm: [MacBook Essentials](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ipads-for-learning-macbook-essentials-tickets-16050083231)         9th June, 3:45pm: [Digital Portfolios](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ipads-for-learning-digital-portfolios-tickets-16050097273)          [***Screen It* 2015 Videoconference series**](http://www.acmi.net.au/education/student-programs-resources/screen-it-2015-videoconference-series/) -  This **free**, five part videoconference series allows students and teachers to discover what makes a winning [Screen It](http://www.acmi.net.au/education/student-programs-resources/screen-it/) entry. Each session runs 45-60 mins. [Register now!](http://www.acmi.net.au/education/student-programs-resources/screen-it-2015-videoconference-series/)o    15th May, 1:30pm: Creating Animation o   25th May, 10:00am: Game Making   o   5th June, 1:30am: Game Making   o   17th Aug, 10:00am and 1:30pm: Screen It Entry  *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*](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/support/pages/vcc.aspx?Redirect=1) *across Victoria.* |   |
| **Professional Learning and Classroom Opportunities-** see our [Professional Learning Calendar](http://diglearning.global2.vic.edu.au/prof-learning/) for a full list of events  |   |
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         To find out more about Professional Learning opportunities visit <http://www.bastow.vic.edu.au/courses>  or phone Bastow on (03) 8199 2900.  | Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: cid:image005.png@01CFD81D.37792090 | * Free online professional development - Keep up to date with the free online professional development opportunities available on the Adobe Education exchange. The current catalogue is available via: <http://bit.ly/adobepdcatalogue>
* CreateEDU TV- A new set of videos outline a range of Adobe in Education programs is now available to view on CreateEDU TV on Vimeo via: <https://vimeo.com/createedu>

         More on professional learning through Adobe is available at <https://edex.adobe.com/professional-development/> |   |
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	+ [Microsoft Peer Coaching Events 26 May, 3 June, 27 October 2015](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/peer-coaching-metro-beginning-may-tickets-16590855696)
	+ [Microsoft Peer Coaching Events 27, 28 July 2015](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/peer-coaching-lynbrook-july-2015-tickets-16592616964)
	+ [Microsoft Peer Coaching Events 13, 21 October 2015](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/peer-coaching-metro-october-2015-tickets-16592653072)
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* The Australian Learning Lecture (ALL) is a biennial lecture series bringing big ideas in education to national attention. The free lecture series will be conducted over 10 years and will work to strengthen the value of learning for all Australians.
* Bookings: [www.all-learning.org.au](http://global2.vic.edu.au/2015/04/20/3891/www.all-learning.org.au)
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Workshop 1: Friday 7 August, 2pm - 2.45pm AESTWorkshop 2: Friday 14 August, 2pm - 2.45pm  AESTWorkshop 3: Friday 28 August, 2pm - 2.45pm AEST* Delivered online via free web browsing software [Zoom](https://www.zoom.us/)
* Cost per class (up to 30 students): $ 50
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| **Conferences and Events**  |   |
|          [**Big Day In**](http://acsfoundation.com.au/bdi/): 27th May, Melbourne - The BiG Day In™ is an IT careers conference designed by students for students. It is designed for both high school (Years 9-12) and University students interested in careers in technology. |   |
|          [**IOI Weekend**](http://melbourne.ioiweekend.com/): 15-17 May, @New Era Melbourne, North Melbourne - designed for teachers. Utilises ‘Modern Learning Canvas’ to enable unpacking current pedagogical approach and provide a language to discuss and design innovative approaches that can be adapted and tested for success in classrooms. [*More information and registration...*](http://melbourne.ioiweekend.com/) |   |
| * [**Moodlemoo**](https://mootau15.moodlemoot.org/)t, Australia 2015 - July 6-8 (Conference) and July 9 (Hackfest), Monash University, Clayton – This event is designed to support Moodle community and help education and training*.* [*More information and registration...*](https://mootau15.moodlemoot.org/)
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| **AusVELS Digital Technologies News** |   |
| Description: Description: Description: Description: cid:image035.png@01D075F3.2AE33360 |         [**The Great Victorian Coding Challenge**](http://diglearning.global2.vic.edu.au/2015/03/24/the-great-victorian-coding-challenge/) - Get involved, intrigued and inspired by maths during Education Week from 17-23 May 2015. Take part in [The Great Victorian Coding Challenge](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/Pages/coding.aspx) in the lead-up to Education Week this year and bring maths to life in your classroom.[*Read more…*](http://diglearning.global2.vic.edu.au/2015/03/24/the-great-victorian-coding-challenge/) |   |
| Description: Description: Description: Google CS First Logo - link to home page |           [**CS First**](http://www.cs-first.com/)CS First provides free, easy-to-use computer science (CS) enrichment materials that target and engage a diverse student population. CS First is a free program that increases student access and exposure to computer science (CS) education through after-school, in-school, and summer programs. All clubs are run by teachers and/or community volunteers. Each CS First club is based on a real-world theme and offers about 10 hours worth of lessons and activities. The different club themes aim to attract and engage students of varying backgrounds and interests. All materials are targeted at students in 4th - 8th grades (or between the ages of 9 - 14) and are free and easy to use. [*Learn more…*](http://www.cs-first.com/)   |   |
| Description: Description: cid:image028.png@01D083DF.D3261B60  |          [**Think. Create. Code**](https://www.edx.org/course/think-create-code-adelaidex-code101x) **-**  This six week course, hosted by University of Adelaide is about learning to code through the creation of artistic images and animations, resulting in your own online gallery. The course covers topics such as Computational Thinking, Creating and Recognising Patterns, and Code with Creative Flair, This course is offered at no cost, via online MOOC. [Register here](https://www.edx.org/course/think-create-code-adelaidex-code101x).  |   |
| Description: Description: cid:image029.png@01D083DF.D3261B60 |          [**CSER Digital Technologies Next Steps, Years 7 & 8**](https://csdigitaltech.appspot.com/cser_nextsteps/preview) **-** This course will help educators take the next steps within the Australian Digital Technologies learning area! Building upon the CSER Foundations-6 MOOC, this course is specifically designed for teachers of years 7 & 8, and addresses the learning objectives of the Australian Digital Technologies curriculum (7-8). Commences 1st May 2015 - [Register now!](https://csdigitaltech.appspot.com/cser_nextsteps/preview) |   |
| Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: STEM VGC |          [**Australian STEM Video Game Challenge**](http://www.stemgames.org.au/teachers-and-parents), *Nationwide*, *Registration opens 20 April 2015 -* Open to all Australian students in Years 5-12, the Australian STEM Video Game Challenge aims to increase interest and participation in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines by harnessing kids’ love of video games; inviting students to design and build an original video game from scratch. |   |
| **Resources**  |   |
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| Description: cid:image020.jpg@01D08645.F53AEF10 |          [**Moving and changing, pushing and pulling**](https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/pages/View.aspx?pin=F4XLLM)– Help your younger students understand the different forces that cause objects move and change shape with resources package for Level 2. It is designed to support teachers in their delivery of AusVELS Science. You may use or copy this package and modify it to suit your needs or provide inspiration. |   |
| Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: cid:image014.png@01D02358.5E7B7DB0Description: cid:image026.jpg@01D08645.F53AEF10 |          *Each fortnight we feature one of our* [*Digital Deck*](https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/pages/View.aspx?pin=J7QNR9) *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*](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 7: What is…Wax?** Wax is a high performance and flexible video editor and special effects software. You can use Wax to create both 2D and 3D special effects. In particular, Wax allows the user to create chroma key, or ‘green screen’, video effects - this technique is for compositing two images or frames together in which a colour from one image is removed, or made transparent, revealing another image behind it. Green screens are used to present the weather or a flying superhero. **Getting started today**         View the resource package on FUSE - HNMS77 <https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/?HNMS77> or scan the QR code below.         Go to the Digital Learning Showcase: <http://epotential.education.vic.gov.au/showcase/edustar_win/wax>         Watch the Wax tutorial on FUSE - 8M4LGJ. <https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/?8M4LGJ>**Ideas for the classroom**         Create 2D and 3D special effects to demonstrate understanding of shape.         Compose a video sequence to display an understanding of a concept.         Create a composite image by combining multiple images and/or other elements to create the illusion that all of those elements are part of the same scene.         Create various natural particle effects like fire, smoke or rain to enhance visual presentations. *For more user resources on Wax,* [*click here*](https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/pages/View.aspx?id=d7fb2951-0e99-492a-be95-785a6a8ca74b&Source=%252fpages%252fResults.aspx%253fs%253dwax)*.* |   |
| **Research and Opinion** |   |
|  Description: Description: cid:image013.png@01D083E4.00321A10 |          [**Bridging the digital divide means accommodating diversity**](http://theconversation.com/bridging-the-digital-divide-means-accommodating-diversity-40692?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest+from+The+Conversation+for+28+April+2015+-+2687&utm_content=Latest+from+The+Conversation+for+28+April+2015+-+2687+CID_0714a72e1fbb6c3ce78fa5aa79f4a42f&utm_source=campaign_monitor&utm_term=Bridging%20the%20digital%20divide%20means%20accommodating%20diversity) - our technological landscape is becoming more diverse, with devices other than desktop or laptop computers being used for online participation. Furthermore, age, socio-economic status and level of education inform internet access and use. (The Conversation, 28th April 2015) [*Read more…*](http://theconversation.com/bridging-the-digital-divide-means-accommodating-diversity-40692?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest+from+The+Conversation+for+28+April+2015+-+2687&utm_content=Latest+from+The+Conversation+for+28+April+2015+-+2687+CID_0714a72e1fbb6c3ce78fa5aa79f4a42f&utm_source=campaign_monitor&utm_term=Bridging%20the%20digital%20divide%20means%20accommodating%20diversity) |   |
| Description: Description: cid:image019.png@01D083E4.00321A10  |          [**Digital Natives, Yet Strangers to the Web**](http://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2015/04/digital-natives-yet-strangers-to-the-web/390990/) - Today's schools are focusing on boosting kids’ technological proficiency and warning them about the perils of the web. But something critical is missing from this education. (The Atlantic, 27th April, 2015) [*Read more…*](http://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2015/04/digital-natives-yet-strangers-to-the-web/390990/) |   |
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| * A fourth round of [**Bully Stoppers grants**](http://deecd.cmail19.com/t/d-i-jllhtkl-l-b/) is being offered to Victorian Schools to fund projects that focus on cyberbullying. Complete an application by Tuesday 26 May,[***School Update Tuesday 5 May 2015***](http://deecd.cmail19.com/t/d-i-jllhtkl-l-y/)
* [**Peer Coaching for ICT School Leaders**](https://edugate.eduweb.vic.gov.au/newsevents/schoolbull/Pages/Peer-Coaching-for-ICT-school-leaders.aspx) - Embed professional learning within the school and leverage existing knowledge and expertise in digital technologies. Participants will need to attend all three worshop days to receive accreditation. [***School Update Tuesday 5 May 2015***](http://deecd.cmail19.com/t/d-i-jllhtkl-l-y/)
* [**iPads for Learning -**](https://edugate.eduweb.vic.gov.au/newsevents/schoolbull/Pages/iPads-for-Learning-Professional-Learning-Program.aspx) Teachers and leaders who use iPads in their teaching programs can participate in a range of sessions through the Department's Virtual Conference Centre to further develop their skills. Session Four: iPad Tips and Tricks – 12 May. Session 5: Assessment and Workflow Part 1 – [***School Update Tuesday 5 May 2015***](http://deecd.cmail19.com/t/d-i-jllhtkl-l-y/)
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