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| [**Digital Learning News**](http://diglearning.global2.vic.edu.au/) 4th March 2015 | Description: Description: Description: cid:image020.png@01D054E7.F9626C60 |
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| **Blog Posts*** [**A Course to Student Blogging**](http://diglearning.global2.vic.edu.au/2015/02/24/victorian-yr-56-leadership-debating-series-1-2015/) - Whether you are new to blogging, or want a refresher on all of the features that blogging can offer, there is a great opportunity to join Edublogs for a [four week crash-course](http://teacherchallenge.edublogs.org/blogging-with-students/) as they guide you through the process of blogging with students. [*Read more…*](http://diglearning.global2.vic.edu.au/2015/02/24/victorian-yr-56-leadership-debating-series-1-2015/)
* [**Victorian Yr 5/6 Leadership Debating Series 1 2015**](http://diglearning.global2.vic.edu.au/2015/02/24/victorian-yr-56-leadership-debating-series-1-2015/) - In the Year 5/6 area of Benalla P-12 College, we are developing and sharing a state-wide leadership program to build the skills of young leaders. [*Read more…*](http://diglearning.global2.vic.edu.au/2015/02/24/victorian-yr-56-leadership-debating-series-1-2015/)

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| **Virtual Learning News**   |
| Term One events from Electroboard (Polycom) 5th March, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm: [Trooper, Trackers, and Bushrangers](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx?EventID=8020&SessionID=8402&ActivityID=11087), Year 5-6 (also at various times on 6th, 12th, 18th, 19th, March. See [*See, Share, Shape*](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx))*,* Year 5-65th March, 1:45pm: [Rugby Lead Reads](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx?EventID=8018&SessionID=8400&ActivityID=11085), Year 4-6 9th March, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm: [A Convict Story](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx?EventID=8020&SessionID=8402&ActivityID=11087) (also at various times on 10th, 25th, 26th, 27th March. See [*See, Share, Shape*](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx)*),* Year 5-610th March, 2:00pm: [Liquid Nitrogen](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx?EventID=8005&SessionID=8387&ActivityID=11072), Year 3-1013th March, 1:45pm: [NRL Wellbeing 3](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx?EventID=8011&SessionID=8393&ActivityID=11078), Year 2-417th March, 2:30pm, [Blow stuff up and get paid](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx?EventID=8006&SessionID=8388&ActivityID=11073), Year 5-1217th March, 1:45pm, [Tackle Bullying](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx?EventID=8015&SessionID=8397&ActivityID=11082), Year 3-617th March, 9:30am, 10:45am, 12:15pm: [Sydney Opera House - Significant Australian Places](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx?EventID=8020&SessionID=8402&ActivityID=11087), Year 3-620th March, 9:30am, 10:45am, 12:15pm: [Aboriginal Perspectives of Bennelong Point – Guwanyi Walama: To Tell and Return](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx?EventID=8020&SessionID=8402&ActivityID=11087), Year 3-623rd March, 1:45pm, [Rugby League Reads](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx?EventID=8019&SessionID=8401&ActivityID=11086), Year K-226th March, 9:30am, 10:45am, 12:15pm, [Sydney Opera House – Staging Stories: A Creative Storytelling workshop](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx?EventID=8019&SessionID=8401&ActivityID=11086), Year K-2 (also on 27th March, See [*See, Share, Shape*](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx))*See the* [*See, Share, Shape*](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx) *website for more Virtual Excursions*Other events* [**Victorian Interschool Debating Leadership Program**](http://debating.global2.vic.edu.au/) - Each week in Term 1, there are 5 schools debating a variety of topics over the DET Polycom Videoconferencing Network. For a full schedule of events and information on how to get involved, see <http://debating.global2.vic.edu.au/>

[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. To register, visit <http://www.acmi.net.au/education/student-programs-resources/screen-it-2015-videoconference-series/>Session 2  – Live Action Film Making – 10am Mon Mar 23rdSession 3  – Creating Animation – 10am Mon May 4thSession 4  – Game Making – 10am Mon May 25thSession 5  – Screen It Entry Process – 10am Mon Aug 17th*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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* Intake 2, Mildura – Applications close on Monday 30 March 2015
* To apply or find out more visit [www.bastow.vic.edu.au](http://www.bastow.vic.edu.au/) or phone Bastow on (03) 8199 2900.
 | cid:image003.png@01D05674.F8BD1240 | * Connect with Maths Webinar series. Register now.
	+ 10th March, 4:30pm: [Mathematics resources through Scootle Community](http://www.aamt.edu.au/content/download/32662/461958/file/Maths%20through%20Scootle%20Community-Tue-Mar10-15.pdf)
	+ 17th March, 4:30pm: [Using Inquiry to Engage All Learners in Mathematics](http://www.aamt.edu.au/content/download/32671/462028/file/Using%20Inquiry%20Learning%20to%20Engage%20All%20StudentsTue-Mar17-15.pdf)
	+ 26th March, 4:30pm: [Teaching STEM with the NAO humanoid robot](http://www.aamt.edu.au/content/download/32673/462055/file/1-Robotics%20Maths-Tue-26Mar-15.pdf)
* Register now at connectwithmaths@aamt.edu.au
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* The Peer Coaching program, sponsored by Microsoft, assists teacher leaders to develop the coaching skills essential to help their colleagues learn the necessary instructional strategies, understand pedagogical approaches and develop technology skills that are needed to integrate technology into active, engaging learning activities.
* To confirm your position please register: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/peer-coaching-ballarat-tickets-15562092638>
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* [**Bebras**](http://www.bebras.edu.au/) returns for the [Computational Thinking Challenge.](http://www.bebras.edu.au/) This free event runs 16-27 March 2015. Visit <http://www.bebras.edu.au/> to register.
* [**The BiG Day In**](http://acsfoundation.com.au/bdi/)™ (Ballarat 24th March, Melbourne 27th May) 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.
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* Entry categories include Animated Film, Live Action Film, Videogame.
* To register, [click here](http://www.acmi.net.au/screenit.aspx).
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* [Adobe Education Train the Trainer](https://edex.adobe.com/pd/course/t4t-winter2015/) *(Enrolments end March 8, 2015)*
* [On-the-go image editing with Photoshop Touch](https://on-the-go-photo-editing.attendease.com/) *(March 12 | 9:00 a.m. AEDT)*
* IGNITE Talks: What does creativity in education look like to you? (*March 19 | 7:00 a.m. AEDT)*
* [Virtual 3D backgrounds with After Effects](https://virtual-3d-backgrounds.attendease.com/) *(March 26 | 9:00 a.m. AEDT)*
* More on professional learning through Adobe is available at <https://edex.adobe.com/professional-development/>
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* 12 March: [21st Century Toolbox 3 – Teaching with Mobile Devices](http://dltv.vic.edu.au/events/ol107-21st-century-toolbox-3-teaching-mobile-devices), 4:00pm – 6:00pm
* 14 March: [DigiTech by the Bay](http://dltv.vic.edu.au/events/sc101-digitech-bay-geelong-college), 8:30am – 3:00pm
* 19 March: [21st Century Toolbox 4 – Apps for Assessment](https://dltv.vic.edu.au/events/ol-108-21st-century-toolbox-4-apps-assessment), 4:00pm – 6:00pm
* 26th March: 21st Century Toolbox 5 – [Preparing for the Digital Technologies Curriculum](https://dltv.vic.edu.au/events/ol109-21st-century-toolbox-5-preparing-digital-technologies-curriculum), 4:00pm – 6:00pm
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* Tickets can be purchased through <http://tedxrosalindparked.com/attend/>
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| **Conferences and Events**  |
| * Saturday, 14th March: [DigiTech by the Bay](https://dltv.vic.edu.au/events/sc101-digitech-bay-engaging-learners-through-innovative-teaching), Geelong College
* 24th March Ballarat, 27th May, Melbourne: [Big Day In](http://acsfoundation.com.au/bdi/)
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| **AusVELS Digital Technologies News** |
| Description: Description: cid:image003.png@01D054F8.FCB07630 | * [**Using Scratch in Primary School**](http://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/?7C5FSZ) - This video looks at how Scratch can be used for game creation as well as using pieces of code to build games in a primary school. Scratch can also be used to explore angles in Maths – Measurement and Geometry.
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| **Resources**  |
| Description: cid:image027.png@01D0565A.0B26EC50cid:image025.jpg@01D05675.F24D29D0 | * [**Sound Infusion**](https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/pages/View.aspx?pin=SNCWN7) – Sound Infusion is a unique learning tool that incorporates music and culture from all over the world. It is a free, online, interactive learning experience that blends music making and cultural awareness. Students can create their own songs from hundreds of different samples, save, share and discuss their work online with their classmates as well as students from other schools.
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| Description: cid:image033.png@01D0565D.62AF5770cid:image026.jpg@01D05675.F24D29D0 | * [**International Women’s Day**](http://splash.abc.net.au/res/nl/20150304/Primary_news/Primary_news_20150304.html) - Prepare for International Women’s Day this Sunday with Splash’s beautiful digibook about the lives and stories of five different colonial women.
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* *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 4: What is… Google SketchUp?** Google SketchUp is 3D software that allows you to create, modify and share 3D models such as buildings and houses. You become the architect, engineer and designer! It can also be used as introductory software for 3D printing.**Getting started today*** View the resource package on FUSE - 7BJL84 <https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/?7BJL84> or scan the QR code below.
* Watch a Google SketchUp tutorial on FUSE - D95DP4. <https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/?D95DP4>
* Go to the Digital Learning Showcase: <http://epotential.education.vic.gov.au/showcase/edustar_win/google_sketchup>
* Go to ePotential ICT Capabilities Resource and search for ‘Sketchup’ to find examples of how this program is being used in schools. <http://epotential.education.vic.gov.au/>
* Explore other SketchUp tutorials. <http://sketchup.google.com/intl/en/training/videos.html>

**Ideas for the classroom*** Create, modify and share your own 3D models.
* Explore mathematical concepts such as perimeter, diameter, radius, area and volume.
* Create 3D models of different shapes to explore mathematical concepts.
* Build a 3D model of a house, school, playground or classroom.
* Visualise sets for the school play and create models to learn about design and technology.
* Recreate screens from historical events.
* Download famous statues and view in 3D.
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| **Research** |
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| Description: Description: Description: Description: cid:image006.png@01D05040.08F57F20 | * [**Horizon Report, 2015**](http://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/?Y9C29R) - What is on the five-year horizon for higher education institutions? Which trends and technologies will drive educational change? What are the challenges that we consider as solvable or difficult to overcome, and how can we strategize effective solutions? [*Download this much awaited report*](http://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/?Y9C29R).
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| Description: cid:image039.png@01D0565D.62AF5770 | * [**Make or Break: The UK’s Digital Future**](http://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/?P25SQM)- This report is a call to action for the incoming UK Government in May 2015. The world is being transformed by a series of profound technological changes dominated by digital—a ‘second machine age’. This is already having a significant impact on the UK; over the next two decades some economists have estimated that 35% of current jobs in the UK could become automated. [*Read more…*](http://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/?P25SQM)
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Cheers

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