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21st century toolbox

Every Year 9 to Year 12 students are required to be in possession of their own laptop by the end of the year. So why, on a national scale, have only approximately 20% of the million computers been given to students?

Software maintenance and hardware support go hand in hand with the purchase of school laptops for students. Working out what slice of funding needs to be reserved for infrastructure upgrades has proved to be harder than expected.

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According to The Australian, in March this year "Western Australian state schools have shunned laptops - installing 5712 desktops and only 683 notebooks in just 27 schools so far."

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Here are four homework power tools that can turn your students' projects into A+ work:

- * Microsoft Math 3.0
- * Microsoft PowerPoint 2010
- * Microsoft OneNote 2010
- * Microsoft Office.com images

Using these four tools can enrich your students' learning experience and help them produce high-quality work.

You can find more tips for using these and many other tools for learning at Microsoft Education. Check out the Microsoft Student website (www.microsoft.com/student) for software offers and discounts, creative educational games and competitions, tips for staying organized, a student newsletter, lounge, and Facebook page, along with other resources to help students of all ages and abilities to make the most of their learning experience and to have fun doing it.

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“The [e-safe education] service is amazing. We pick up on a lot of inappropriate language through the reports and we can speak to the students straight away about their behaviour. The word is out there that the kids are being monitored. It’s a good product and we find that most students we talk to don’t reoffend,” said Peter Benzie, Acting Head of Senior School at Prendiville Grammar School, Perth.

Australian curriculum

(from Education Technology Solutions)
The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) website has generated its share of traffic over the past few months. According to the ACARA website, ACARA is responsible for a national assessment program aligned to the national curriculum that measures the students’ progress, a national data collection and reporting program that supports analysis, evaluation, research and resource allocation and accountability and reporting on schools and broader national achievement.

In layman’s terms, ACARA is responsible for the Australian national curriculum and also the MySchool website, both of which have received substantial media coverage this year. The ACARA website is the perfect place for Australian educators - school leaders and principals in particular - to go for information on the Australian national curriculum.

The section of the website titled ‘Curriculum’ houses a wealth of information on the various phases of the curriculum process (so far, phase one, two and three), the development process, general capabilities, cross-curriculum perspectives and consultation. Also available to educators (and other visitors to the site) is a section called ‘Resources’.

Resources available free of charge include information sheets on the following topics: Why is it necessary to have a national curriculum? What makes the Australian a world-class curriculum? What are the Australian curriculum timelines? The site also gives information on how to provide feedback on the curriculum and many other relevant topics. Information sheets are also available on individual learning areas such as English, Maths, Science and History.

If you are looking to keep up to date with the latest in Australian curriculum developments, you will find the information you need at the ACARA website.



Cyber bullying - a new version of an old problem

More and more reports on cyber bullying cases within the school environment are found in WA’s newspapers. And cyber bullying does not only concern students. An article in The Australian dated 23 March 2010 reports a major cyber-bullying case against WA teachers.

Cyber bullying is a new version of an old problem. Face to face bullying is replaced or enhanced with bullying via mobiles, social networking sites and chat sites.

While the internet provides a wealth of knowledge for students, it also provides a very easy and anonymous opportunity to bully someone. The internet is not something teachers should shy away from and with a well-planned approach the internet can be used to achieve positive learning objectives for both the teachers and students.

One area teachers can get involved in is educating students on the potential dangers of the internet and providing advice and support to those in need.

These days more and more e-safety software packages are introduced to the market to make it easier for teachers to get involved in the problem of cyber safety. One of these products is e-safe education.

“What e-safe education does is different from existing web content filtering systems.

This product monitors a whole range of student activities whilst using a PC – not just internet browsing. For example, all text typed by a student into a Word document or email is being examined for inappropriate language or phrases that may indicate an issue requiring intervention. Students are notified immediately via a popup when a violation occurs,” said Tom Brajdic, ICT Manager at Prendiville Catholic College.

It’s a behavioural management tool that provides the pastoral care team with tools to educate students on responsible internet use. A detailed report is sent to the school executive on a regular basis.

“Having a managed solution saves the school time. There is no need for me or the school executive to analyse log files or attempt to generate our own reports. The forensic team at e-safe education produces concise reports that provide enough information to act on if need be,” said Tom.

Controlling pornographic material is crucial in a school environment. e-safe education’s control module offers the ability to detect offending images on the web and other devices such as USB drives and replace them with an inert image.

“It’s a good product and it help keeps the students on-task,” Tom said.

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