

Curriculum Centre - LIVE

Curriculum Centre resources – now live Please visit and complete the online survey by July 31st

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The Curriculum Centre resources are now live and can be accessed through the eCentre. [Previous editions](#) of this newsletter have described the contents of the Curriculum Centre but to ensure that it helps meet the needs of teachers and school leaders, we need your feedback and advice.

When you visit the Curriculum Centre you will be asked to complete a short online survey to let us know what you think about the site so far, and to briefly describe the types of resources and information you want from the site or may be able to contribute in the future.

The survey will take only a few moments of your time and will provide us with valuable feedback to help us improve the site. Incentive prizes will be awarded at the end of July. Access the site for details.

Results of the survey will be published in a future edition of *Curriculum Matters* and on the web.

In addition, each curriculum area has SharePoints or interactive online workspaces where teachers can collaborate and share information and resources. Details of these are provided in this edition of *Curriculum Matters*.



To access the Curriculum Centre, click on the link below

<http://www.ecentre.education.tas.gov.au/default.aspx>

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Tasmanian Curriculum now complete..?

This month schools receive their copies of the *VAL syllabus and support materials* and the *ICT cross-curricular framework, support materials and skills checklists*. In some ways, this makes the refined Tasmanian Curriculum now complete, with schools having received all syllabuses and support materials according to the timeline set in late 2006. This is as a result of direction from the Minister, the *Refining the Curriculum* taskforce and extensive consultation with teachers and school leaders.

In other ways however, both VAL and ICT present schools with new challenges and opportunities across all curriculum areas. Using the VAL syllabus and ICT framework, schools can design personalised learning programs that best meet the individual needs of students.

Both VAL and ICT present exciting possibilities for integrative and disciplinary study, cross-curricula and community-based project learning, and the use of new and emerging technologies. The support materials that accompany the documents provide ideas about how both ICT and VAL look across the curriculum, and what they might mean for early childhood, primary and secondary students. I encourage teachers and school leaders to think laterally about what VAL and ICT means for all the students in their communities and share their good ideas using the curriculum area SharePoints, other networks and web spaces described in this newsletter.

For questions or comments about curriculum implementation, email irene.gray@education.tas.gov.au

For **Curriculum Matters** on the web visit <http://www.education.tas.gov.au/curriculum/resources/updates>

Public information about the curriculum can be accessed at: <http://www.education.tas.gov.au/curriculum>

SharePoints, web spaces, workshops and syllabus updates

What are SharePoints?

SharePoints are virtual workspaces: interactive websites for groups to create, share and collaborate on documents, tasks and discussions. They can provide a powerful way for teachers to work together and share ideas about teaching, learning and assessment in the areas of the Tasmanian Curriculum. The sites are secure: their content can only be viewed by those who have subscribed to the site or workspace.

For more information, visit: <http://www.ecentre.education.tas.gov.au/C13/Collaborative/default.aspx>

Languages (LOTE)

Information for Languages (LOTE) teachers is shared through the Languages (LOTE) website; the LOTE forum (LOTE-announce) and language-specific distribution lists for DoE teachers in each Learning Service.

Through LOTE-announce, government and non-government languages educators can receive and send information, share ideas, ask questions and discuss issues affecting their profession. Language-specific lists enable the sharing of more targeted information in a similar way.

The languages website is located on <http://www.education.tas.gov.au/school/educators/resources/lotte>. It provides access to:

- curriculum documents for Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian and Japanese
- a calendar of languages events
- information and support documents on a range of topics including scholarships, LOTE literacy, intercultural language learning, models for delivery of languages and assessing
- the LOTE forum
- resources
- useful links and contacts

Chinese Languages Syllabus

The Chinese syllabus document has been published and forwarded to the relevant schools. This is the final syllabus document in a suite of six languages.

For any additional copies contact Tony Nichols tony.nichols@education.tas.gov.au

Curriculum area SharePoints and updates

English-literacy workspace <http://www.ecentre.education.tas.gov.au/sites/curriculum/englit/default.aspx>

This workspace contains the English-literacy syllabus and support materials. Additional support materials will be included over time in response to feedback from schools. Examples of current support materials include broadsheets to aid planning, teaching and assessment of English-literacy and extensive record keeping proforma and examples.

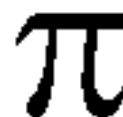
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or Pam Powell, Curriculum Officer English-literacy (Pamela.powell@education.tas.gov.au).

Mathematics-numeracy

The mathematics-numeracy share point <http://www.ecentre.education.tas.gov.au/sites/math/default.aspx> is a valuable resource for school curriculum leaders, planning teams and classroom teachers providing useful web links to assist in teaching in the mathematics-numeracy curriculum area.



These include links to curriculum materials and resources from other states and to professional associations. Resources developed by Tasmanian teachers are included in the shared documents section and will be added to during the year to support schools in their implementation of the syllabus.

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Society and History

Make sure you visit the SharePoint to find out about new resources and events in Society and History <http://www.ecentre.education.tas.gov.au/sites/lisse/curriculum/socandhistory/default.aspx>.

For example, current announcements include 'Messages of Hope' in response to the tragic events in Burma and China; sharing information from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Library, Information and Resource Network conference; and the launch of the Save the Tasmanian Devil Partnership.



Shared documents and resources include learning sequences, rubrics, assessment Records and information about making on balance judgements.

For more information, contact: Julie Fisher (Julie.fisher@education.tas.gov.au).

Health and wellbeing

The Health and wellbeing SharePoint is a 'one-stop shop' to support teachers. Teachers can store, access and share information and collaborate wherever they are located. This enables consistent messages, builds capacity and can support teachers who are working in isolation such as a primary Health and Physical Education teacher or teachers in small, rural communities.

The Health and wellbeing SharePoint is easy to use. The homepage provides teachers with key announcements, events and links all related to Health and wellbeing including notification of Health and wellbeing professional learning, curriculum announcements and links to state and national priority projects. From the homepage teachers can navigate their way to a range of other resources to support teaching and learning. These include:

- Shared documents to support curriculum planning, teaching strategies, assessment and moderation
- A current list of useful websites (frequently updated)
- Articles of interest
- Links to other state and territory and international curriculum documentation
- A comprehensive resource list (currently under construction)



Information on the SharePoint is current and kept up-to-date. All teachers are encouraged to visit and use the site. Feedback and ideas are welcome and can be directed to

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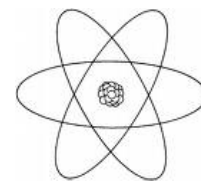
Access the Health and wellbeing SharePoint at: <http://ecentre.education.tas.gov.au/sites/wellbeing/default.aspx>

Science workshops for secondary teachers: Planning Science Units Using the Tasmanian Curriculum (Hobart and Devonport)

Workshops led by the PEO for Science will be conducted in July to enable secondary science teachers to

- Share what is being taught in each year group in different schools
- Consider the requirements of the Tasmanian Curriculum Science document
- Use the Tasmanian Curriculum to plan an outline for a science unit of their choice

Materials produced at the workshop will be shared via the Department of Education's curriculum area website.



Whole day workshops will be held in Hobart (17 July 2008) and Devonport (29 July 2008). The northern Learning Service Workshop has already been held. For more information contact

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Arts

Use the Arts SharePoint to access syllabuses, explore professional support materials or find out about (or contribute) arts events and resources.



Current announcements include information about school productions, performances and exhibitions, music learning centres and dance stages.

Explore the "Sharing Stuff" section to access or contribute resources, events and ideas that others have found useful in the areas of the Arts.

The URL for the SharePoint is <http://www.ecentre.education.tas.gov.au/sites/arts/default.aspx>

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