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ABOUT

Connected Learning Resource Centres are state of the art facilities designed for the delivery of professional development in new and emerging technologies for North Coast Region staff.

Our programs aim to improve the access and understanding of how to integrate ICT into teaching and learning.

We provide:-

- Structured courses to meet the users needs
- Support to Community of Schools ICT needs through a mixed delivery approach – In-school, Staff meetings , via Video Conferencing
- Support for an integrated approach to DEC information technology through resources such as TaLe and CLI.
- Engagement through DEC e-learning tools

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North Coast Connected Learning Courses on MYPL@Edu- Search using

- Interactive Whiteboard
- Advanced Interactive
- Integrating DER Laptops

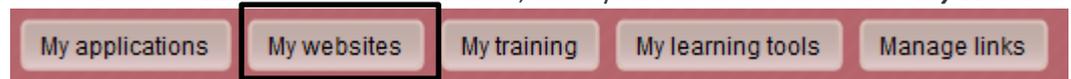
Stop Press:- New England Region iTec+ 'Leap into Learning technology' Conference, on Sun 15th and Mon 16th July 2012 at Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre
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☆DEC Application Update

SMART Notebook 10.8 - the next version of the popular Interactive Whiteboard software has been released for Home download and is part of the new DEC desktop and laptop computer image. This version 10.8, fixes the many issues that were evident with the introduction of Windows 7 and the older SMART Notebook 10.6.

Highlights in this new version include the automatic activation of a new Calligraphy pen on a Smartboard, instant handwriting recognition, a greater use of finger and hand gestures as well as revised Page grouping.

To download the DEC version of the software, enter your Portal and then select **My Websites**



Now select the Smart Notebook Software Download link. There are both PC and Mac downloads with instructions for installation.

Note: it is always best to uninstall previous copies of the software before installing this newer version.



SMART Notebook Software Download

This link enables you to access the download files for installing SMART Notebook software onto your home computer.

Warranties for interactive whiteboards – DEC PROCUREMENT

DEC Procurement Solutions currently offers interactive whiteboard bundles from two suppliers, Electroboard (SMARTBoard) and Panasonic (Panaboard), which are both covered by 4 year warranties. This means that these bundles will be repaired for four years at no additional cost. However, the warranty for the Electroboard bundle differs from the 4 year on-site warranty provided by Panasonic for its bundles. We understand there is some confusion about the warranty provided by Electroboard so here's an explanation...

The Electroboard warranty and why it's different:- The Electroboard warranty has two components: a 1 year on-site warranty followed by a 3 year 'back to base' warranty.

After the first year of on-site warranty has passed and for the remaining 3 years of the Electroboard warranty, you have two choices if you require faulty equipment fixed:

1. Register fault with Electroboard. Make your own arrangements to remove and return the faulty product and have it ready to be picked up by an Electroboard courier. The courier will drop off the replacement product and pick up the faulty product (you will not be charged by Electroboard for the freight costs). You will then need to organise to have the replacement product re-installed in your classroom. Electroboard can provide your school with a complete guide on how to do this or can provide over-the-phone advice.
2. Request Electroboard to remove and replace the faulty product. This will come at a cost.

Affordable Classroom Technologies Program:- Procurement will shortly be making available a new Program to provide greater choice with interactive whiteboards and related products

- Procurement News Bulletin 15 outlines the Warranties for interactive whiteboards found in **SchoolBiz (Week 6 Term 1 – 2nd March 2012)**



WEB 2.0 - Creating an Avatar with VOKI

What is Voki? Voki is a web-based application designed to create talking animated characters or 'avatars' in different settings. You can share your avatars with other people via Email, post them to a social media profile or embed them to wikis, moodle or blogs. 'Voki' is unblocked to all students K-12.

Where can I find 'Voki'? Voki is located at:

<http://www.voki.com/>

What does Voki cost? Nothing, you can create a Voki account for free. (You can create a paid Voki classroom account which allows you to manage classes and students without students needing to register.)

How does Voki work? On the Voki page you will follow the Create tab and follow the listed tools to develop your avatar, then share your Voki by clicking the **publish** button.

How can I integrate Voki into my Teaching and Learning?

*Welcome to a website or Blog or

* As a fictional character to explain aspects of learning or to recount a story / concept.



WWW WEBSITES



www.ictgames.com

The site provides educational ICT activities. All games are designed and made and © copyright 2011 of James Barrett. These games are generally targeted at K-2 teachers and students. There are games for both English and Maths.

ThinkUKnow - is an Internet safety program delivering interactive training to parents, carers and teachers through schools and organisations across Australia using a network of accredited trainers. ThinkUKnow is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Microsoft Australia.



<http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/>

Finally, our site aims to support interactive technologies in North Coast DEC schools. We cover Interactive Whiteboards, DER Resources, WEB 2.0 tools, tablet learning, Training and provide access to our **iConnect** Newsletters.

<http://northcoastconnectedlearning.weebly.com/index.html>



iPad Corner

There is a misconception that it is OK in a school to use one iTunes Account to buy as many apps as you like and sync those apps to as many iPads or iPod Touches as you like. There is another misconception that you can sync up to 5 iDevices legally. In a school, you simply cannot. Some think, "Oh, but the Apps are only \$1.99 each. **They won't mind. We're a school.**"

Reference – Sydney Region Apple iPad 2 Trial

App Store Terms & Conditions

"Educational institutions who want to be in compliance with the App Store terms and needs to purchase multiple licenses can either do so by creating multiple iTunes accounts and purchasing it once from each or gift an app multiple times from a single iTunes account."

For the sake of clarity, each iOS Device used serially by multiple users requires a separate license.

Further reading found at

https://support.assistiveware.com/index.php?pg=kb_page&id=50

<http://www.smartcopying.edu.au/scw/go/pid/1059>

Free Apps to look for:-

Puffin Web Browser – is a browser that supports Flash (\$2.99) – free version for 14 day trial.



Rocket Math Free – play one of the fun Maths missions, build your rocket and then solve your maths (US values)