

One byte@a time: May 2004 – TAFEVC edition

Hi Folks

I thought it might be good to concentrate this edition on the wonders of flexible learning and TafeVC.

Southern Westernport Learning Communities is a member of TafeVC www.tafevc.com.au which means that managers, teachers and learners within our community can access its resources.

So, what is TAFE VC?

The TAFE VC is a Victorian Government service for any resident of Victoria to access fully accredited TAFE programs through online enrolment via a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). We have some learners who access the resources online while others use them in a blended delivery mode - that is, in the classroom with a teacher.

The TAFE VC provides a learning management system for the delivery of e-learning based on WebCT.

SWPLC has been allocated a secure (password protected) site within the TAFEVC. Teachers can develop their own courses to deliver to students or request a copy of a ready-made resource from the Online Courseware Catalogue. This copy can then be modified to suit the needs of the provider, teacher and student.

Most of the resources are "crown copyright" under the State of Victoria. This means that resources can be copied, adapted, even pulled apart without payment of licence fees by teachers within SWPLC provided Intellectual Property sources are acknowledged and guidelines followed.

Toolboxes

These free online resources include Toolboxes such as the one below:

1. Small Business Management Toolbox Series 5: AVAILABLE NOW

The Small Business Management Toolbox from the Business Services Training Package (BSB01) is now available in the TAFE VC Courseware Catalogue - under Small Business Management, Certificate IV qualification (BSB40401). It has been designed to support learners who may be undertaking the small business management competencies as part of a complete qualification.

Toolboxes products are normally purchased through www.tafefrontiers.com.au in the form of CDs or printed manuals at very reasonable prices given that you then can re-produce most of the resources without more charges.

SWPLC has purchased 3 toolboxes which are available free to members:

- Truvision - a Microsoft Applications course designed for visually impaired learners
- World of Work
- Online Literacy and Numeracy Resource Centre for Trainers

How do I look at what is available through TAFEVC?

Anyone can cruise around the public catalogue - you don't need a special login.

Go to www.tafevc.com.au then the Teachers tab then Courseware

Click on courseware icon - click here to enter the Online Courseware Catalogue

Scroll down to keyword search - type in general word such as "youth" "literacy" or "career" "childcare"

Courses that relate to your keyword will be listed.

Click on the name of course you're interested in to view description page.

You will be able to view a module and see if it is of interest.

How do I get a copy?

If you work with one of the SWPLC consortium members - (check with your manager)

The description page contains the official module code and name which I need to organize a copy for you to use, review etc. Don't be shy - ask for copies of whatever strikes your fancy. I can always remove them from your login later.

You can also search by qualification – but remember that TAFEVC lists CGEA units under “G” they drop the word certificate!!!

More information?

ICT Skills for Teachers Professional Development

SWPLC offers this pd to teachers. The accredited course relates to skills that enhance your teaching practice and explores flexible delivery options including online learning and TAFEVC. I believe that we are currently the only ACE organization to do so.

If you need more information about professional development, TAFEVC, or require logins for you or your learners please contact me and we'll work through the process together.

PS - a one byte@a time bonus - gearing up for the Olympics?
<http://www.surfaquarium.com/newsletter/olympics2004.htm>

Regards

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