

Features of the Channel

As part of the Department of Education & Training public website, the Victorian Education Channel links students, teachers and principals to online resources from Australia and all around the world.

Reviewed Resources

The VEC links to all DE&T resources and to websites recommended by teachers of all year levels and from all curriculum areas.

The VEC team research these and other local and international websites, reviewing them for quality and safety before including them in the Channel.

Principal Resources



www.education.vic.gov.au/principal/

Redeveloped in response to principals' suggestions, the VEC entry point for principals now provides guided quick links to web sites related to:

- DE&T policies and programs
- School management
- Curriculum
- Professional development.

Principals can also search for external online resources related to educational leadership, relevant organisations, research studies, special needs and learning programs.

Teacher Resources



<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/teacher/>

This VEC entry point provides teachers with direct links to:

- Administrative resources (including Edumail, pay advice and job vacancies)
- Curriculum support
- Teacher recommended websites
- Relevant professional organisations and associations

From this entry point, teachers can also search for resources related to their specific teaching needs. They can look for lesson plans, assessment tools, online tutorials, digital content, and other materials to help them in their implementation of VELS.

Customised Resources

The VEC has special entry points for principals, teachers, secondary students and primary students. From these different entry points, the different user groups can find online resources suitable for their specific needs.

So whether you are looking for a science lesson plan from the CSIRO, a webquest from the United States, educational online games from the BBC, statistics on AFL teams, podcasts, collaborative web-based projects, safe images or the latest information on curriculum initiatives you can find it in the Channel.

And if what you want is not there, join the teachers who regularly recommend sites to make this collaborative project relevant to your classroom.

Secondary Student Resources



<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/secondary/>

From this entry point, secondary students can find direct links to:

- Study advice
- Youth services
- Career information
- Educational websites

Secondary students can also use the search box to look for information on topics ranging from art to zoology. They can search for the latest news updates, book reviews, sports information, online tutorials, educational games, virtual scientific experiments, galleries, museums, interactive challenges and much, much more.

Primary Student Resources



<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/primary/>

Here primary students can find guided links to:

- Information sites
- Online stories
- Fun educational games
- Places of interest

From this zone, primary students can look for information on topics ranging from astronauts to Zambia. They can search for animations, quizzes, maths interactives, safe images or information to help them complete projects.

Using the VEC in schools

Schools choose how they use the Victorian Education Channel.

Schools can choose to provide some or all of their students a 'Channel only' view of the internet. This means that students are only able to access sites contained within the Channel's Edulist.

Schools choose the 'Channel only' option for various reasons, including:

- Safety
- Possible cost savings
- Central administration of website filtering

A school's internet administrator can arrange Channel only access for students. The process takes only a few minutes and access can easily be changed at any time.

Schools not wanting to limit their students to the Channel's Edulist, can still make use of the Channel by setting it as their home page.

Alternatively, a Channel search bar is available for all schools to use freely on their school or student web pages. Instructions for inserting the Channel search toolbar can be found at:

www.education.vic.gov.au/teacher

Making the most out of the Channel

Suggest sites

On every page of the Channel there is a site suggestion link and teachers and students can use this to request sites that they would like added. In schools where students are locked down to the Channel and Edulist, this site suggestion link can prove very useful. The Channel team review site suggestions for safety, quality and relevance before adding them. Site suggestions are reviewed and added every day of the school calendar.

Free workshops and professional development

Channel staff will visit schools to support students and teachers in their use of the Channel. Workshops are tailored to suit individual school needs and can be booked throughout the year.

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