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C Print

As an extension to the C-Print captioning trial undertaken in Term 4, 2014, VDEI is again trialing the use of C-Print captioning in schools. This trial with students in years 10, 11 and 12 will further investigate the implementation of the program.

More information is available on the VDEI website

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Transition to School Kits

The materials produced during the Transition to School Project, are available on the VDEI website.

VDEI also has a number of hard copies of this material in kit form for distribution to parents free of charge. If you are working with a family or families who have a child transitioning to school in 2016 and would like a kit/s, please contact VDEI.

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VDEI Caption Centre

The VDEI Caption Centre, based in Bendigo continues to provide captioned resources for students who are deaf and hard of hearing in the senior years of school.

More information is available on the VDEI website

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Acting Assistant Director
Kaye Scott

As this newsletter reaches your desk, we are embarking on a new term. VDEI has been busy developing and implementing some exciting projects designed to meet the learning needs of those in deaf education. The Peer Observation of Teaching project is now complete, the Auditory-Verbal Therapy mentoring program is continuing, successful applicants for the leadership program have been notified and planning for the Auslan intensive program to be run over Terms 3-4 is well underway. The successful 2014 bursary program is being implemented in 2015-16 in a slightly different format which will offer all those involved the opportunity to participate in the diverse professional learning program offered at VDEI in 2015-16.

Don’t forget to explore the upcoming professional learning programs for Term 3. We are pleased to again be hosting Michelle Baker and Michelle Stark with the next installment in their sign bilingualism workshop series. The two workshops to be presented in August are the next two in their series of professional development workshops and are designed to follow on from the two workshops presented in 2014. If you would like to discover more about developing written English skills with bilingual students, these are the workshops for you.

It is also exciting to have Dr Andy Cornes presenting at VDEI in August. He will present his latest research with Associate Professor Magaret Brown from The University of Melbourne. He will also be one of the keynote presenters at the AATD conference - Celebrating deaf education in Victoria on Friday 28 August. To view more of our exciting professional learning options, visit the calendar of events section of our website

Enjoy Term 3 and we look forward to seeing you during the remainder of the year.

Kaye

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Auslan Intensive Professional Learning Program

Nineteen successful applicants will participate in five days of intensive learning during Term 3 and 4 at VDEI. The program which is being developed and delivered by staff from Melbourne Polytechnic is being specifically tailored to meet the needs of successful applicants. The program aims to further develop the Auslan skills of staff currently working with students who are deaf or hard of hearing.
Professional Learning Program 2015

See What's on in Term 3 and Term 4

Download the program.

The VDEI Learning Centre

VDEI have a purpose built Learning Centre to host professional learning and partnered programs. The learning spaces are designed for flexibility of use and layouts, perfect for hosting small groups or up to 100 participants. If you would like to book the VDEI learning centre.

Download the booking form.

Learning Bursary

VDEI has provided a number of Professional Learning Bursaries to schools and specialist settings who employ specialised professionals to work with students who are deaf or hard of hearing. The VDEI Learning Bursaries Program enables professionals in the field to extend their knowledge in the field by accessing the high quality specialist professional learning program at VDEI.

Leadership Program

The Leadership Program is specifically designed for professionals working in the field who hold a leadership role or aspire to move into a leadership role in the future. Four applicants were awarded places in the 2015-16 program. The program consists of two major elements. Participants will complete a structured professional learning program which matches their specific learning needs and participate in five days of structured observation with current leaders in the field. Planning for the observation element of the course has been a collaboration between VDEI staff and interested members of the Victorian Deaf Education Network.

The Resource Development Project

The Resource Development Project was a collaboration between VDEI and experts within schools and specialist settings. The purpose of the project was to share knowledge and expertise by developing resource materials around a specialised topic. The VDEI website will soon have a dedicated web page for the Resource Development Projects.
AATD Conference

The Australian Association of Teachers of the Deaf (Victorian Branch) Inc. has a long and proud history, representing and supporting Teachers of the Deaf and allied professionals in Victoria since 1935. It held a state-wide professional learning day for many years and after a hiatus it has returned.

The Conference will be held on Friday 28 August with the theme ‘Celebrating deaf education in Victoria’. The conference will provide an opportunity for Teachers of the Deaf, allied professionals and parents to learn about what is happening in the field of deaf education and to share ideas about future educational directions. The two keynote speakers are Dr Andy Cornes who will be speaking on the wellbeing of children and students who are deaf and hard of hearing, and Dr Teresa Ching who will be updating us on the LOCHI study with particular reference to Victorian children. A focus of the conference will be presentations about a range of initiatives and projects by professionals currently practicing in the field in Victoria.

The conference will be held at:
The Manningham
1 Thompsons Road,
Bulleen
9am-4.30pm.

Book Your Tickets Now

More VDEI Term Two Projects

Adobe Connect - A New Way to Learn
VDEI is currently trialling a new webinar platform in collaboration with The Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership. To date, VDEI has hosted two webinars as part of its professional learning program.

More information is available on the VDEI website

Vicdeaf - Transitions Workshops for School Leavers at VDEI
Vicdeaf conducted six workshops as part of a Transition program for deaf or hard of hearing school leavers at the VDEI learning centre.
More information is available on the VDEI website

**Digital Learning**
The Department of Education and Training (DET) has provided teachers interested in learning how to use iPads more effectively in the classroom with the opportunity to attend the *iPads for Learning Online Professional Learning Program.*

More information is available on the VDEI website