

inFUSEd: 21 Sites for Learning

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Many teachers are seeking new and engaging ways for students to work online. In 2010, Innovation and Next Practice at the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development funded a range of cultural institutions to produce innovating Web 2.0 resources for use in Victorian schools – these would then be hosted on the FUSE portal on the DEECD website: <https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/>

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These projects reflect the diverse interests and strengths of the groups that produced them. They provide venues for authentic work in a range of modalities, and many of them allow this work to be

shared with other students, the school community or even the world at large. Many of the projects provide a capacity for students to store their work 'in the cloud' meaning it can be accessed and shared from anywhere. This article will outline the sites and some of their features.

1000 Poppies

<http://1000poppies.org/>

A site for commemoration and remembrance, featuring a virtual poppy field, where site users can plant a poppy with an attached message. The site offers a choice of short messages, or students can write their own.

The screenshot shows the homepage of 1000Poppies.org. At the top, the logo reads "1000POPPIES.ORG" with the tagline "Remembrance around the globe". Below the logo is a navigation bar with a "Welcome Heath" message. The main content area is divided into several sections: "Newest members" with a grid of profile pictures; a large central banner for "VISIT THE POPPY FIELD!" with a "Click here to plant your poppy!" link; a section titled "1000poppies.org is an educational network..." providing information for students and teachers; a "1000 poppies Challenge Film Challenge Winners Announced!" section with a list of themes (War Stories, Forgiveness, Culture, The Home Front, Legacy, Our community) and a photo of a child with a camera; and a "GET STARTED!" sidebar with buttons for "SHARE AN IMAGE", "UPLOAD A VIDEO", "CONTRIBUTE", and "WHY 1000POPPIES?".


15 Second Place

<http://15secondplace.acmi.net.au/>

Students create fifteen second short films that aim to capture a theme or mood, rather than a narrative. These films are tagged to the location they were shot, allowing for them to be accessed by location, as well as theme. An iPhone app allows direct shooting and uploading of films, as well as map integration.

HOME MAP UPLOAD EXPLORE ABOUT SEARCH

WHAT IS 15 SECOND PLACE?



ACMI 15 views
ACMI 5 views
ACMI 2 views

WHAT CAN I DO HERE?

1 FIND your location
2 SHOOT your 15 sec video
3 UPLOAD to share your video
4 CREATE your own playlist

SUGGESTED THEMES

BIG SCREENS FLASH PERFORMANCE LOCATION, LOCATION!

TAKE ME PLACES

Act Wild!

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

A positive view of the environment, stressing direct actions students can take to help the animals featured on the site. Each animal is also showcased in great detail, including distribution, habitat, keeper interviews, videos, and other facts.

Feel like having your say? If you register then you can comment on our zoo feeds and register for events. Cool!

act Wild

animals events zoo feeds wild schools Act now!

Your actions can help save wildlife!

Actions...
How can you help the orang-utan?
Write to the manufacturers of your favourite foods. Ask if they use palm oil and if so, whether it is sourced from certified sustainable sources.

Act Now for the Orang-utan

Latest Activity
Glenz became a registered member 1 hour ago
Jenny uploaded an image 2 hours ago
You checked in to Melbourne Zoo 2 hours ago
Act Wild Administrator posted a new blog post 4 hours ago

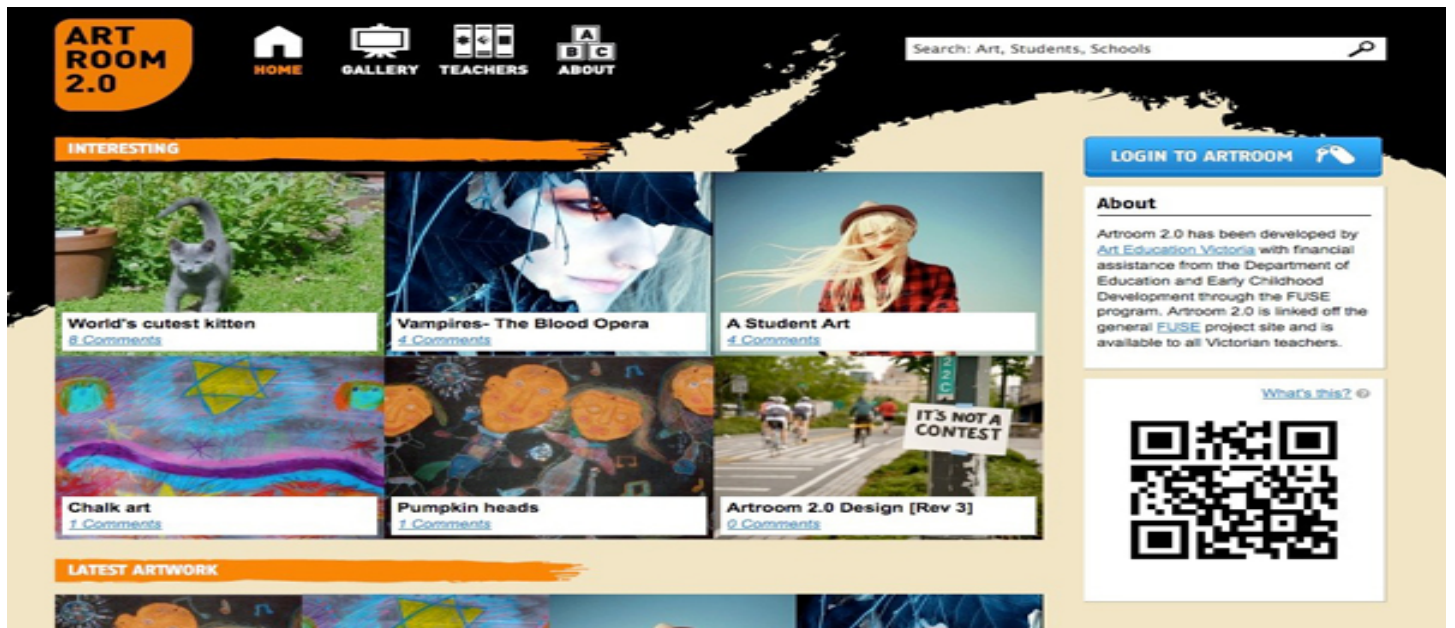
Wild Facts:
The word Orang-utan means 'person of the forest' in Malay

Zoo Feeds:
Flood Activity on Victoria's Gippsland Lakes... (14 views, 0 comments)

Artroom 2.0

<http://www.artroom.vic.edu.au/>

This site addresses issues of Creative Commons <http://creativecommons.org.au/> and its effects on the creative arts through visual media. Users can upload their own artworks to the site, or download and remix art by others. The site encourages engagement with the artwork and the issues of intellectual property behind the Creative Commons concept.



CC sMash

<http://ccsmash.youthedmusic.com.au/>

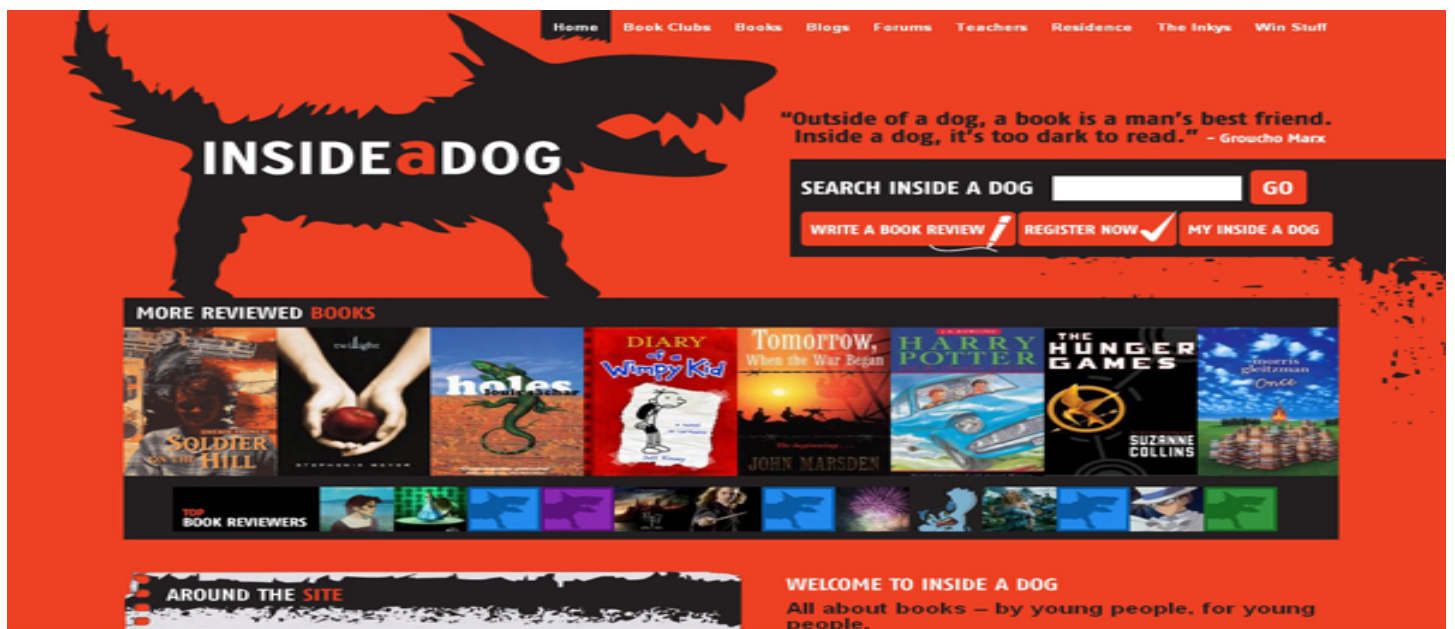
Another site addressing Creative Commons issues, this time through the medium of music. Site users can download, mash up and remix samples from the site, before re-uploading them to share with the community. Guides provided support both the musical aspect of the site, and the issues around copyright and sharing.



Inside a Dog

<http://www.insideadog.com.au/>

The popular youth literature website has had a major redevelopment, adding many Web 2.0 features. In addition to a news blog and monthly writer-in-residence, registered users may now post reviews, comment on blogs, and join or create book clubs on any topic. These book clubs are ideal for use in the classroom or library, as the creator of the club sets the security level.



Making History

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/discoverycentre/websites/making-history/>

This site supports students in producing short digital histories – multimedia presentations on any topic of their choice. Support is provided for choosing a subject, conducting oral history interviews, curator interviews, and creating and uploading a presentation.



Merspi VCE Advantage







<http://www.youtube.com/user/merspi>

These videos are designed to support VCE students in the 'invisible curriculum' – the ideas and concepts that fall between the gaps of individual subject disciplines. Videos cover topics including research skills, navigating the VCAA website, tackling the English exam, and more.

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The VCE Advantage Video Series by merspi's channel 12 videos 43:52 duration 546 views

Developed in association with SLAV (School Library Association of Victoria).

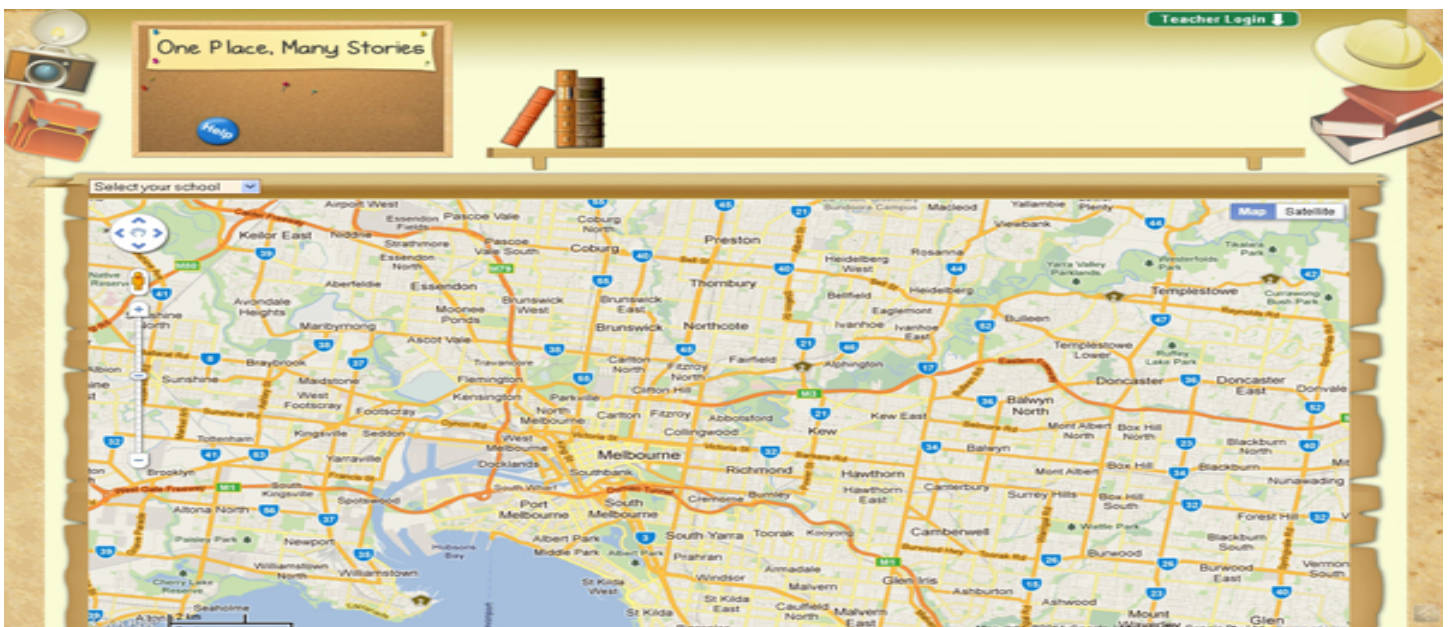
1	 Welcome to the VCE Advantage by merspi 315 views
2	 Exploring the VCAA website by merspi 217 views
3	 Surviving the VCE - things I wish I knew by merspi 268 views
4	 Power Searching - Part 1 by merspi 644 views
5	 Is it yours? Referencing your work by merspi 172 views
6	 Tips and tricks - thoughts from previous VCE students by merspi 78 views

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One Place, Many Stories

<http://oneplace.net.au/fuse/>

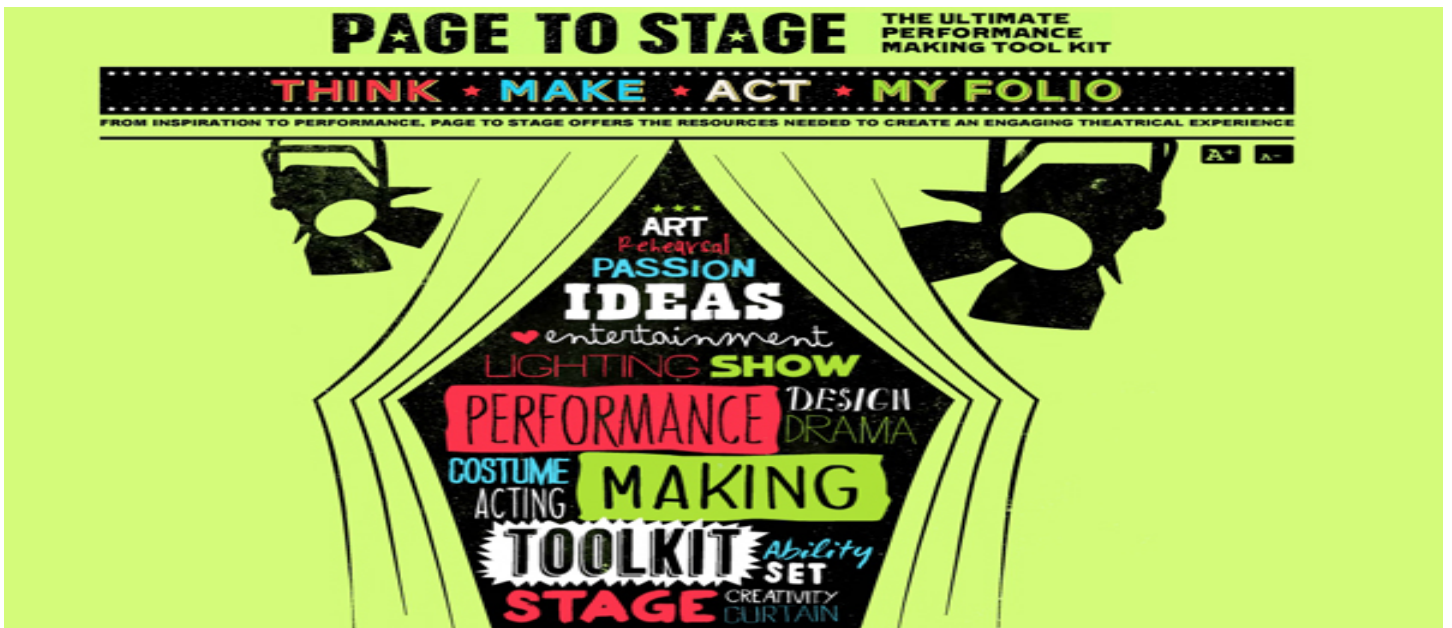
This site provides ways for students to link history and place. Teachers can upload historical maps, allowing students to develop an understanding of change over time in a location (for example, their neighbourhood). Students can also write short stories that are pinned to a map, allowing them to contribute their own content to an understanding of the past of their spaces.



Page to Stage

<http://pagetostage.artscentremelbourne.com.au/>

This site guides students through creating a complete theatrical experience, from first brainstorming to opening night. Interviews with stage professionals including production managers, costumers and lighting designers, join interactive tools and an online folio space to make this a rich resource for assisting with a production.



Phat Poetry

<http://www.phatpoetry.com.au/>

Phat Poetry aims to make poetry more engaging and immediate for Middle School students. Find audio recordings and video mashups of both traditional and modern poetry, along with guides and tools for students to upload their own creations to share.



POSTi

<http://posti.theartscentre.com.au/>

A social networking simulation game for primary aged students, POSTi helps equip students for dealing with social and emotional situations online. Students follow a developing storyline, while guided questions demonstrate some of the pitfalls of online social spaces.



RIP Music

<http://ripmusic.com.au/>

Music sharing and creation site RIP Music provides tools and tips for creating music and sharing online, along with music samples in a range of styles. Tutorials cover downloading, uploading, remixing using several popular software packages, and ethical issues around sharing online.




Sound Infusion

<http://culturalinfusion.org.au/soundinfusion/>

Music is an integral part of many cultures. This site aims to connect the two. Students can mix and remix traditional instrument samples from a wide range of cultures using the in-browser mixing tool, while background information explains the instruments used and their cultural significance.

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Music and Culture with Sound Infusion

Sound Infusion is a unique learning tool that incorporates music and culture from all over the world.

It is a free, online, interactive learning experience that blends music making and cultural awareness. Students can create their own songs from hundreds of different samples, save, share and discuss their work online with their classmates as well as students from other schools. [Register as a teacher now...](#)

Sound Infusion in Action

Sound Infusion runs in the user's browser, requiring no downloads or installed software.

Sound Infusion is perfect for users of all ages, allowing you to make music from the hundreds of royalty-free original sound loops from all over the world. When you log in as a guest, you will be able to download your creation as an MP3 but the application will not allow you to save your song on our server. [Register now to get full access to Sound Infusion...](#)

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The Model Citizen

<http://www.sev.asn.au/model-citizen/>

This site covers four distinct areas of citizenship – global citizenship, Australian citizenship, digital citizenship and active citizenship. Extensive resources support teaching and learning in each of these four areas, and the site provides upload space for students to share posters they have produced expressing their ideas of citizenship.



SEV Social Education Victoria

The Model Citizen Project

Home Global Citizen Australian Citizen Digital Citizen Active Citizen Tech Tips Social Education Victoria

Global Citizen

- Teacher Information
- What is a Global Issue?
- Identifying Global Issues
- Exploring Global Issues
- Create your own Global Issue poster
- Share your Global Issue poster
- View Global Issue posters
- Poster Gallery

Teacher login

Username

Password

Global Citizen

POWER
ecological
environmental
sustainability

sovereignty

international
relations

GLOBALISATION

CONFLICT

human
rights

cultural diversity

JUST AND
PEACEFUL
WORLD

Download the Global Citizen poster as a PDF.

Tomorrow Sport

<http://www.tomorrowsport.com.au/>

Tomorrow Sport encourages Primary and Secondary students to connect with maths and IT through sport. Divide your class into teams and compete in weekly sports-related challenges designed to demonstrate maths and IT skills. Run a ladder inside your school, or join the wider community competition.

Travelbugs

<http://travelbu.gs/>

Help your students learn about and connect with other countries. Explore details of foreign nations, complete assignments and games and earn stamps on your passport. Students can work individually or collaborate with others at your school or beyond. Upload your own content including images and other resources.

Vidfest

<http://syn.org.au/vidfest>

Host a film festival in your own school with this resource. Included are demonstrations, tutorials and support for every stage from shooting films to promoting your event, as well as upload space to store the completed films.

Virtual History Centre

<http://virtualhistorycentre.com/>

Visit a 3D virtual world recreation of the Point Nepean quarantine station, reproduced in detail from the original plans. Explore the buildings and complete in-world quests to learn more about the site and its location, including original artefacts. Teacher notes support student work in this unique environment.

WE SOLVE it!

<http://wsi.slav.vic.edu.au/>

A research skills site for primary aged students, WE SOLVE it! follows the established inquiry model used in the book *Open the Door to Inquiry*. Students select an item of interest, and then decide on the questions that they want to answer about it before following the research process step by step through the site to find their answers.

WE SOLVE it! Inquiry online My Status Log out



Hi, welcome to WE SOLVE it! online.

We have selected objects from the State Library of Victoria collection to spark your interest. As you move around to the different stages of the WE SOLVE it! cycle we have a guide, Question Generator and ONLINE TOOLS to make your inquiry both fun and successful. Remember that inquiry is a thinking process, so don't rush just take your time to fully explore your questions.

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Login

Already have an account with WE SOLVE it! Inquiry Online?

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Questions, questions, questions!

Which	Can
Who	Could
Why	Should
How	About
What	

[Spin](#)

Launch the Question Generator



Watch our video to see how it works

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Work Right

<http://teachworkright.com/>

A resource for older students who are transitioning to the workforce, Work Right presents information on workplace rights and responsibilities in an entertaining and accessible manner. As well as the site, there is an app for iPad and iPhone available that offers another way of accessing the useful information on this site.



WORK RIGHT
Teaching young adults to navigate their rights and responsibilities in the workplace.

Home | Introducing Work Right | Teaching Strategies | Additional Resources | FAQ

10 themes exploring workplace rights and culture

Highly effective teaching strategies

Classroom tested lesson plans

[Teaching Strategies in your classroom »](#)

Both schools and workplaces need to have an effective dispute settlement system in place.

Teaching Resources [DOWNLOAD](#)

Student Resources [DOWNLOAD](#)

Work Right Curriculum Resources [DOWNLOAD](#)

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For more information on any of these sites, including VELs links and ideas for classroom use, please visit: <http://fuse.global2.vic.edu.au/>

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