



**Newsletter Number 16  
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Keeping you up to date on the latest developments in the VLE Project

**TAFE NSW eLearning Systems (TeLS)**

**Events for the calendar:**

**EQUELLA Administrator User Group**

8 August

**EQUELLA certified training for library staff**

3-5 Aug & 10-12 Aug  
EQ101 & EQ201

17-19 Aug EQ301

**Adobe Connect Administrator Training**

23 August

**Moodle Administrator Training**

August (tba)

**NAVIGATE 2011**

8-9 September

**enable 2011 showcases... VLE in action**

From this Wednesday, Institute teams will be presenting the enable 2011 showcases, highlighting the outcomes of their respective enable 2011 projects.

The projects will be showcased in three themed blocks across 3 days:

Wednesday 27 July  
Wednesday 3 August  
Wednesday 10 August

Each team presentation will be fifteen to twenty minutes in



duration, with five minutes at the end for questions. Each session will be individually recorded.

A full program can be found on page three of this newsletter.

**Adobe Connect Pro up and running**

On 6 July 2011 the centrally hosted TAFE NSW Adobe Connect Pro Web Conferencing production environment went live.

The go-live included updated administrative and support guidelines.

This included:

- upgrade to Adobe Connect Pro 8
- full content migration from the interim environment
- integration with LDAP/Active Directory.

**Three top tips for Adobe Connect Pro:**

- Set up meetings in the Shared Meetings area and save content in a Shared Content folder for your section (each Institute

Administrator sets up these folders).

- All users should run the audio setup wizard ahead of the meeting. Click on Meeting>Audio Setup Wizard.
- All participants and hosts should download the latest version of the Flash Player (currently version 10) before their session. Click on Help>Troubleshooting> to run a connection test which will confirm that your Flash Player version is up-to-date.

**Reminder:  
Log in procedure for  
Adobe Connect Pro**

<https://webconf.det.nsw.edu.au/>

Teachers will log in using **firstname.lastname@detnsw** and Portal password.

Students need to log in as Guests until further notice.

**LRR content migration update**

The TAFE eLearning Hub has this week recommenced migrating TAFE resources from the Learning Reference Repository (LRR) to EQUELLA.

About two-thirds of the 4000-plus items have been added to the TAFE-wide Learning Materials collection, including the Flexible Learning Toolboxes.

Well done to all the teams involved in this complex metadata mapping and SOAP scripting activity.



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**Useful links**

[VLE Support Site](#)

[EQUELLA](#)

[TeLS intranet site](#)



## LMS Trial for TAFE NSW Institutes

TAFE Executive Group has endorsed a trial of a centrally hosted Moodle LMS.

Eight Institutes have agreed to participate in the trial, which will include two stages and commence in early August.

In stage 1 of the trial, Institute participants will be asked to assess and provide input into a baseline Moodle 2.1 LMS

instance including Moodle version site settings, customisation levels and plug-ins.

Stage 2 will involve testing of two Institute Moodle LMS instances by a restricted number of staff and students.

Outcomes of the trial will include a draft solution

design, draft support model, change management and implementation plans and options and protocols for customisation and management of Institute instances.



## VLE Tools for Information Technology Training Package ICA11

In late 2010 **TES ISU Ultimo** in partnership with content experts from the **New England** and **North Coast Institutes** undertook to develop and update learning and assessment resources for on-line delivery of the proposed Certificate II in Information, Digital and Media

Technology (IDMT) ICA11 qualification.

The New England Institute, through the IT section at Tamworth College, has been delivering the ICA05 CII Vet In Schools program in Information Technology online for some time.

With the implementation of ICA11 and the inclusion of units covering social media, digital media and networking it was agreed to modify these resources in line with the new

training package and add new resources to deliver the CII IDMT qualification.

With EQUELLA training and consultation from TAFE NSW eLearning Systems and educational design advice from the TAFE eLearning Hub, these resources are now available on EQUELLA for all Institutes to access and modify to suit their own delivery needs.

For more information contact David Frith at TES ISU Ultimo.



## EQUELLA certified training for TAFE NSW librarians

During August, 24 TAFE NSW librarians will participate in the EQUELLA certified training program.

There will be 2 librarians per Institute involved plus staff from the central library services.

The training will be similar to previous training sessions, however it will be more focused

on library-related issues such as integration with library subscription databases, metadata management, copyright and specific library e-reserve collections.

Participating librarians will be working towards supporting existing EQUELLA administrators to manage their Institute's resources.



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Details can be found on the [TAFE NSW eLearning Systems intranet site](#).

Also don't forget to check out our [TAFE NSW Virtual Learning Environment](#) blog for the latest news.

## TAFE NSW well represented at MoodleMoot au 2011

The annual Moodle conference—MoodleMoot 2011 was held in Sydney from 16-20 July. TAFE NSW was well represented at the conference as both presenters and participants.

Congratulations to the many presenters from TAFE NSW who shared their experience and knowledge.

The presenters were:  
 James Humffray (TeLS)

Mark Clarke (HI)  
 Warren Smith (HI)  
 Jayne Bachelor (II)  
 Jeanne Smith (NCI)  
 Kate Jones (NCI)  
 David Gilchrist (NEI)  
 Stephen Matulich (NEI)  
 Kim Raschepkin (eHUB)  
 Rory O'Brien (eHUB)  
 Susan Cornish (eHUB)  
 Annabel Palfreeman (eHUB)

A link to presentations will be provided in the next Newsletter.



Photo courtesy of Rory O'Brien, TAFE eLearning Hub



## enable 2011 Showcase...VLE in Action

Grab a Headset & Computer

Join in online: <https://webconf.det.nsw.edu.au/enable>

### eCapability Flexible Learning Practitioners & Champions

27 July 2011

### Change Management Capability & Content Development

3 August 2011

### EQUELLA LCMS Knowledge Sharing & Collaboration

10 August 2011

9:00 – 9:15 AM	Showcase Opening & Welcome	Showcase Opening & Welcome	Showcase Opening & Welcome
9:15 – 9:40 AM	<b>Hunter Institute:</b> Build Institute Wide eCapacity	<b>Riverina Institute:</b> Change Management	<b>Illawarra Institute:</b> VLE enable@Illawarra
9:50 - 10:15 AM	<b>North Sydney Institute:</b> VLE@NSI	<b>South Western Sydney Institute:</b> Implementation Plan for VLE	<b>North Coast Institute:</b> Resource Up!
10:25 – 10:50 AM	<b>Western Institute:</b> Enabling 2011	<b>Western Sydney Institute:</b> eLearning for Shop Fitting	<b>Sydney Institute:</b> EQUELLA Repository Framework for Higher Education Programs
11:00 – 11:25 AM	<b>New England Institute:</b> Creating Flexible Learning Practitioners	<b>Riverina Institute:</b> Building Business	<b>Western Sydney Institute:</b> Implementation of EQUELLA
11:35 – 12:00 PM	<b>Sydney Institute:</b> Designing for flexibility	<b>Western Sydney Institute:</b> VLE – Nepean Nursing Capability Development	<b>Sydney Institute:</b> Enabling educational leadership through knowledge sharing and collaboration

