# Le@rning in an Online World

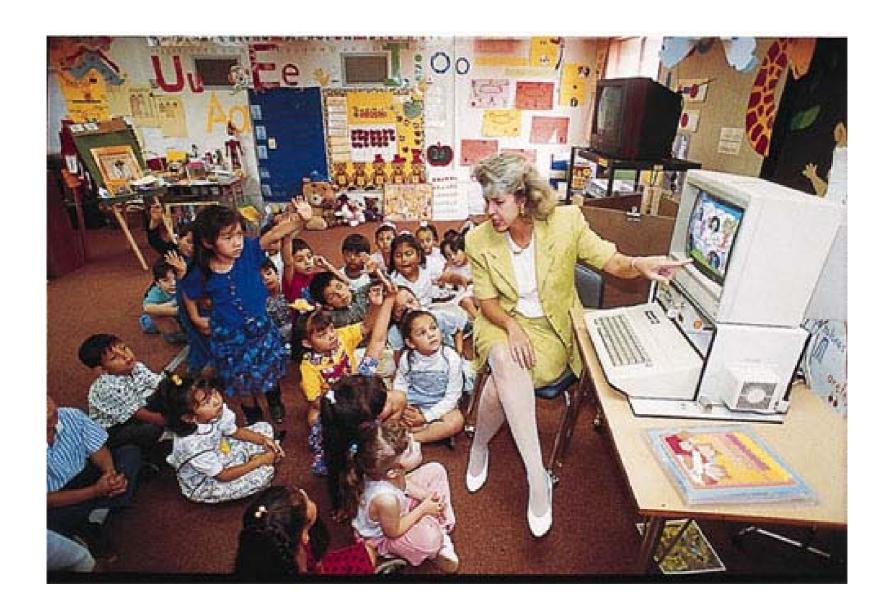
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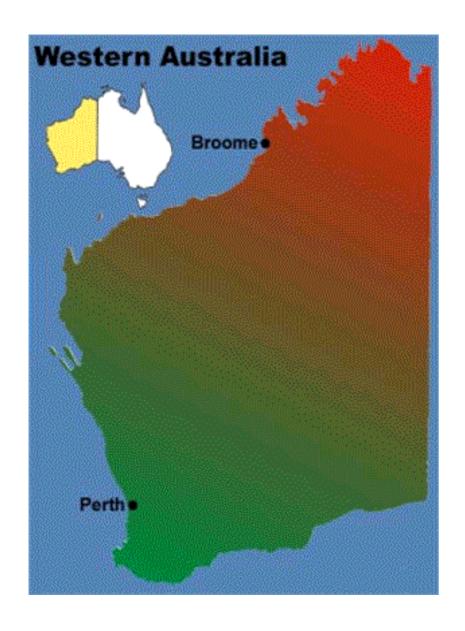
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## OVERVIEW

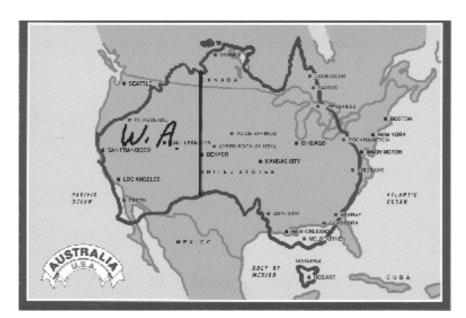
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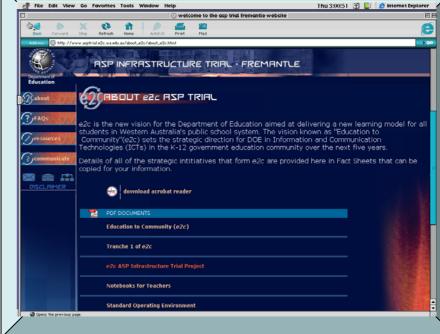




National level



State level



## National Level

- National Office for the Information Economy (1999) <u>The Strategic Framework for the Information Economy: Identifying Priorities for Action in Australia</u>, through strategic priority directions for
  - People
  - Infrastructure
  - Online content, applications and services
  - Policy and organisational framework
- The <u>Schools Online Curriculum Content Initiative (SOCCI)</u> has been set up to deliver the Commonwealth Government's *Backing Australia's Ability: Innovation Action Plan (2001)*. The SOCCI initiative focuses on:
  - the development of a body of Australian digital curriculum content;
  - the provision of a framework to encourage further contributions to the pool of online material;
  - the sharing of online resources between education systems.

## State Level

- Through the vision of the Department of Education's <u>e2c</u> (Education to Community) initiative in Western Australia they have planned to deliver:
  - A world class Education System, bringing the Western Australian Education Community together, online.
- This vision is designed to facilitate the move of the education community into the new information and knowledge age, in line with the Western Australian Government vision for Government School Education. The strategic outcomes of e2c support four major themes:
- eLearning
- eBusiness
- Enabling Infrastructure
- Access to Information

# Case Study One

Sevenoaks Senior College









# Sevenoaks Senior College

- Flexible program delivery in a purpose built environment
- Principles and organisational arrangements enhanced through Information and Communications Technologies (ICT)
- Group organisation, key staff and timetabling of Learning Resources with Structured Workplace Learning
- Community links with business, TAFE, Curtin University



# Case Study Two

Faculty of Education
Curtin University of Technology

# Curtin

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### The Learning Community

### UNIVERSITY

• Lecturer expertise



### **PEERS**

 variety/degrees of knowledge

### **SCHOOLS**

 Reciprocity schools & university

### **TECHNOLGY**

- email
- WWW- resources, lists, chat grps
- WEBCT etc
- Databases
- Network/organisations

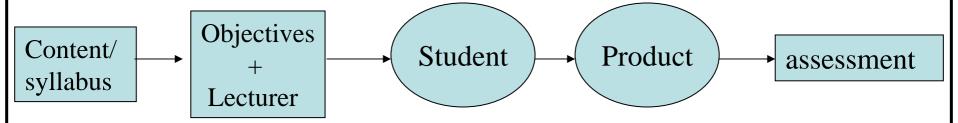
### **FAMILIES**

support and encouragement

### **LIBRARIES**

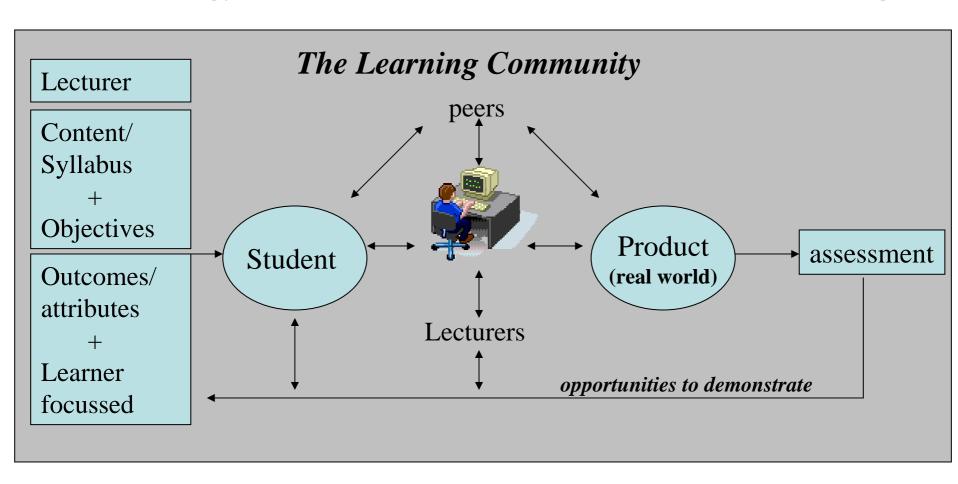
- information
- electronic services
- databases

# Does the traditional learning approach encompass a learning community?



# The Mediated Learning Approach *MLA*

Technology drives the model, assessment drives the learning



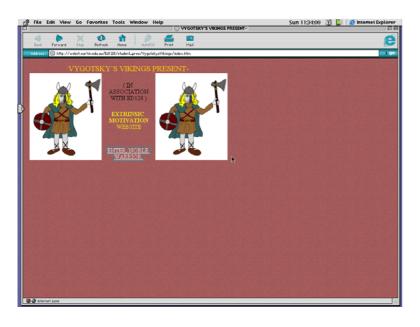
# Technology drives the learning

- Technology is the vehicle for
  - Communication
  - Collaboration
  - Framework for MLA
  - Authentic tasks, projects or investigations
  - Opportunity for new and self-sustaining communities of learners, large and small, formal and informal
  - Transcends four walls and traditional timeframes
- Extend the old and offers new possibilities

# Assessment drives the learning

- Assessment is integral to learning
- Developing competency in applying knowledge
- Open-ended, negotiable, educative, explicit, informative and performance-based
- Producing real world product in groups
- Processes include
  - peer-reviewed forms of presentations,
  - reflections,
  - student quiz construction,
  - interviewing, interpreting and
  - applying research findings
- Seamless and ongoing





### **EXAMPLES**

- Journal of andragogy
- Chapter summary
- Quiz
- Teacher interview
- Video
- Journal articles
- Internet articles/sites
- Links to other topics
- Website VIKINGS
- Feedback on websites

# Examples of Australian Online Curriculum Content

Junior Primary Module: The Butterfly Life Cycle -

http://www.stradsch.sa.edu.au/miers

Elementary/Primary Module: Aboriginal Studies - <a href="http://www.teachers.ash.org.au/wattle/abstuds/index.htm">http://www.teachers.ash.org.au/wattle/abstuds/index.htm</a>

Senior School Module: Nuclear Technology - Decision at Tincurren - <a href="http://sevenoaks.wa.edu.au/nuke">http://sevenoaks.wa.edu.au/nuke</a>

Discover Tasmania Online -

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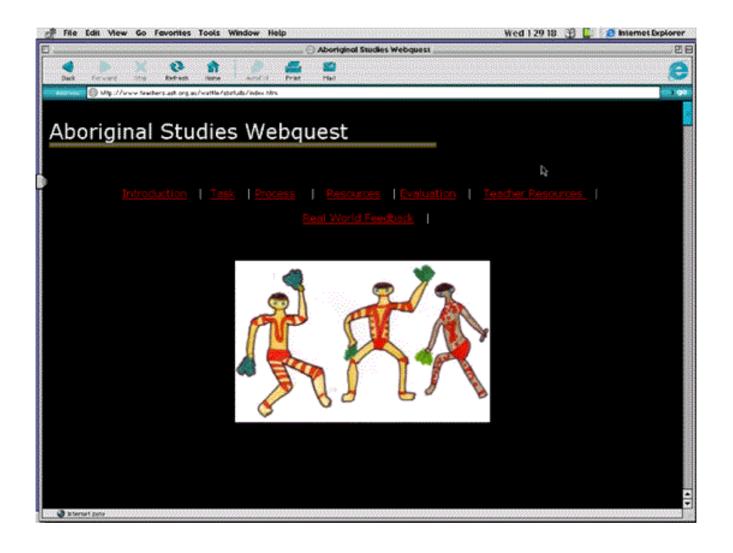
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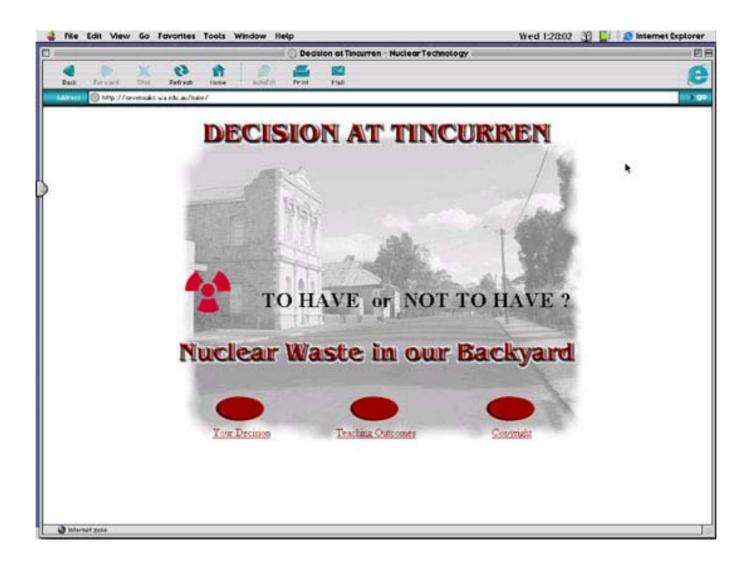
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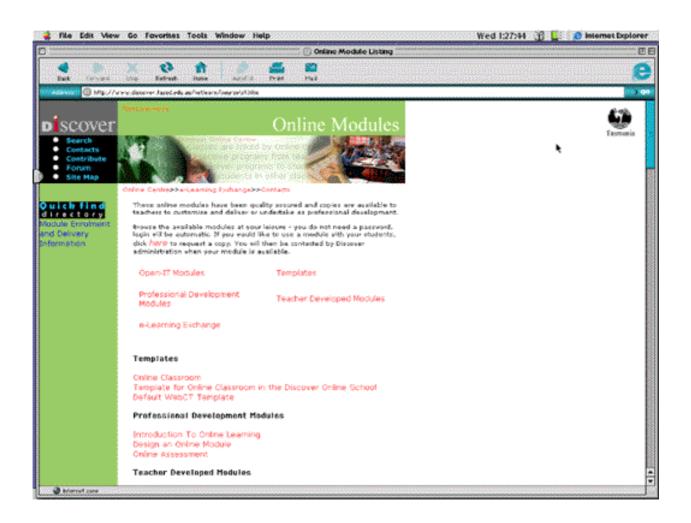


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#### Discover Tasmania Online -

• http://www.discover.tased.edu.au/netlearn/courselst.htm



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# Educ@tional soundness

- the most appropriate measure of pedagogical quality of online curriculum content, reflects established principles of what constitutes good practice in the planning, design, development, evaluation and use.
- Does the online content:
  - Involve learners as active participants
  - -Scaffold learning
  - -Ensure learning is manageable for learners
  - -Ensure learning activities have integrity, reliability and rigour
  - Cater for different learning styles and special needs of learners
  - Connect with the world outside the classroom
    - » (SOCCI Phase Two Plan 2001-2006, p. 16-18)

### Quality on the Line: Benchmarking Study

What does constitute good online learning?

There are many factors that can influence the learning experience:

- Infrastructure.
- Quality of content and assessment.
- Quality of learner support systems.
- Assumptions made by learners and facilitators about the learning experience itself.
- Educational design.
- Peer support networks for learners and facilitators.
- Careful design of quality online learning materials along with learner support and learner activity will encourage deep and more meaningful learning online.

# Discussion Questions?

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