

The Bulletin

Statewide Vision Resource Centre

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Welcome Back One and All!

Can you believe it is almost February? Where on earth does the time go?

We have 24 new Preppies beginning this year and around the same number who completed their VCE at the end of 2013. Remember that we love stories about current and previous students – so send a paragraph, a photo or a news clipping so we can all celebrate!



Meanwhile, the staff of the SVRC wish you a year of excellence in your endeavours and we look forward to supporting your work with students with vision impairments throughout 2014.

Professional Development Activities for Term 1 2014

Here are some dates for your diaries! Fliers are attached, including information about parking and also available from the SVRC website: <http://www.svrc.vic.edu.au/PL.shtml>

Please note: the SVRC encourages attendance in person or via video link – please be in touch if you'd like to “virtually” attend any of these sessions.

Event	Date
Educational Support for Blind Students	Monday 10 February
Skill Power Workshops 1. 9.30-11.00 TBA 2. 11.30-1.00 JAWS - Garry Stinchcombe, SVRC 3. 1.30-3.30 TBA	Wednesday 19 February
Educational Support for Students with Low Vision – offered twice	Monday 24 February OR Tuesday 25 February
New Visiting Teacher Orientation Day from 9.30am	Monday 3 March
Skill Power Workshops 1. 9.30-11.00 Pearl and OpenBook - Trevor Boyd, Quantum RLV 2. 11.30-1.00 ZoomText - Trevor Boyd, Quantum RLV 3. 1.30-3.30 iPad - Lyn Robinson, SVRC	Wednesday 5 March
Art4Kids with VI? Please invite your Art teachers!	Monday 17 March
Visiting Teacher Day	Tuesday 18 March
Dot Power	Tuesday 25 March

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Work Experience for Students with Vision Impairments

Students with vision impairments often achieve outstanding results at school and university, only to discover that obtaining paid work is an even greater challenge. This may be related to employer perception of people with vision impairments or it may be related to the prospective employees' work readiness – whatever the reason(s), competence in work-related skills is of paramount importance. It is vital, therefore, that students have the opportunity to become skilled in their use of access technology, social skills, orientation & mobility and so on. Individual and targeted instruction is vital for each student – and Work Experience for students in secondary schools plays an important part.

With this in mind, we asked the Visiting Teachers if they had suggestions and ideas for Work Experience for blind students and for students with low vision – here is what we came up with:

- aged care assisting with art and music; and hospitality
- laboratory technician in a school laboratory
- local charities such as St Vincent de Paul and Brotherhood eg feed the disadvantaged program – meal preparation, cleaning, packaging
- local radio – program planner and announcer
- local sport venue (which led to the offer of paid part time work)
- paintball factory – loading the paintballs
- retail eg Coles/Woolworths (one former student has moved into management at Coles since leaving school)

One VT commented that Work Experience works well if the student “is motivated and willing to use their equipment” and that students “get more interesting jobs as they demonstrate that they are capable”.

One student “needed 90 hours of Work Experience for his VCAL. He managed to find work with the Salvation Army who run a breakfast and social program at his school and then picked up more hours at their shop. He is loving it.”

Thanks to Jeni Blake, Helen Caldwell, Lea Nagel, Logie Onslow and Myriam Ash for suggestions.

Employment News

“This is a good news story about persistence”, writes Annette Godfrey-Magee. Zac, a totally blind young man from one of our country regions, has recently secured a part time position. Zac has been a diligent participant in the Careers sessions offered in the Support Skills program and now he is “cashing in”. He has taken every opportunity to use his Work Experience placement, Vision Australia’s Employment Services, information he gained from the SVRC Careers day, his Visiting Teacher, and his local network (networking is a key component in obtaining work) to become a team member in a leading enterprise in his local town. Using his abilities to gain skills, seizing every opportunity offered to him, even if it meant spending a week during his school holidays in Melbourne to participate in Work Experience, O&M training etc, Zac presents himself as a “can do” person and one any organization would welcome. Well done Zac!

Food for Thought by the Disability Rights Commission (UK)

Take a look: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k3AeIFup1qY>

Ed: I’d make a comment, but I just wouldn’t know where to start...

MSSD – Great New JAWS Training Videos

Lea Nagel and Cam Phillips have created a number of excellent basic training videos for those supporting beginning JAWS users. They have been created as four individual videos but can also be viewed one after the other as follows:

Video 1 Introduction to JAWS: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7_67n4NTkc

Video 2 Listening to JAWS: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b55ijS4IOWs>

Video 3 Navigating a document with JAWS: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTTb8DomNDU>

Video 4 Selecting text with JAWS: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wmxNEaEbx>

Playlist of the four videos to play one after the other:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7_67n4NTkc&list=PLAKVIC_CWgq8TeBpk5N8BILh2vNwJmoht

Lea introduces a nifty way of orienting the student to the location of the cursor within the text – representing a letter (or word or line or paragraph) by the student’s fingers. Take a look!

MSSD National Partnerships: Updating our Records

Most of the equipment has now been allocated to students in schools and from the feedback we have been receiving it has been put to good use. In order to keep track of the equipment we do need to update our records if any of the following occur:

- Student transfers to a new school
- The equipment is allocated to another student

The forms to notify the SVRC of any changes are available from the SVRC website at http://www.svrc.vic.edu.au/Anational_partnership.shtml

Could you please send the completed forms to Lyn at lynrobin@svrc.vic.edu.au

A National Audio Description Calendar

Source: Vision Australia’s FYI, January 2014

This year over 125 live theatre Audio Described (AD) performances will be available, across theatres in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra and Wollongong.

Audio description brings the performance closer by communicating the on-stage action and allowing for deeper insight to the performance with pre-show notes and up-close and personal tactile tours.

Daisy formatted audio CDs of the schedule will be available from early February. Call 1300 847 466 or visit: <http://www.visionaustralia.org/about-us/events>.

Learn UEB Online – Coming Soon!

RIDBC Renwick Centre is currently developing a free online training program in Unified English Braille (UEB) entitled “UEB Online”. The first version of the program will be for sighted learners and we are aiming for a launch date of end February or early March 2014.

The course will be self-paced and self-marking, with a Certificate of completion provided by RIDBC upon request for a small fee. So stay tuned for further updates in the New Year!

Caring For Your Glasses

As you are aware it is important to have the right environment at school for students with low vision. The right seating and lighting play an important part in giving student's access to the curriculum but have you considered how well they look after their glasses? This article by Heidi Mitchell from the Wall Street Journal sheds some amusing light on how we look after our glasses.

The Best Way to Clean Your Glasses

Nearly 50% of Americans wear corrective glasses, according to the trade group Vision Council. And most of them are guilty of the biggest crime in lens care: Exhaling onto their lenses, then wiping the fog off with their shirt sleeves. But does this really damage your lenses? Teri Geist, an optometrist in Omaha, Neb., and chairwoman for the American Optometric Association, weighs in.

Simple Solution

Though there are countless products on the market claiming to wipe streaks away, the AOA recommends the most basic of options: kitchen-sink soap. The best way to clean your glasses, says Dr. Geist, is to run them under warm water and put a tiny drop of dishwashing detergent on the tip of your fingers to create a lather on the lens. Then rinse with warm water, and dry with a clean, soft cotton cloth.

"Everyone uses their shirt cloth – worst thing!" she says. "Your shirttail almost certainly carries dust, and that has the potential of scratching your lens."

Glass vs. Plastic

Of the 69.1 million Americans who bought prescription spectacles last year, most purchased plastic lenses; glass has gone out of fashion as safety concerns have arisen. Unlike that hard surface, plastic is soft and can scratch easily.

Once lenses are scraped up, "there is no way to buff that scratch out," says Dr. Geist. Attempting to clean glasses when dry only exacerbates the problem, since a wet surface is slicker than a dry one. "People breathe on their glasses then grab a Kleenex or paper towel or napkin because they're convenient, but the rough fibers that they're comprised of might leave debris behind," Dr. Geist says. She adds that special microfiber cloths are good for dry touch-ups during the day, but aren't a stand-in for a thorough, soapy cleaning. Neither is your breath.

Reflecting on the Problem

Lenses typically have some form of protective coating and should never come into contact with ammonia, bleach, vinegar or window cleaner. "Those chemicals can break down the coating or just strip them," says Dr. Geist. "You know those bubbles you sometimes see on your lens? Those are caused by 'cleansing' solutions." Avoid the problem by requesting anti-glare and UV coatings that are embedded within the lens, which can cost about \$100 more than regular-coated lenses.

Clean Lines

Natural oils from your hands, eyelashes and face can lead to a lot of buildup each day, reducing lenses' effectiveness. Leaving spectacles on a sink or vanity, where hair spray and perfume can fly through the air, adds to the residue. The AOA recommends washing glasses every morning, paying special attention to the frames and earpieces, where hair product and makeup tend to rub off.

Whatever you do, don't use the most handy form of water to clean your lenses. "Some people use spit, but don't," urges Dr. Geist. Though dirty glasses won't cause an eye infection, saliva "is not the best hygiene method, and it just won't work very well," she says. Soap, warm water and a dry cloth are all you need, once a day, to keep glasses optimally clean and functional. "I have had patients who say they can't see well, but it turns out it is just the scratches," says Dr. Geist.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424127887323375204578269942300847314>

Braille Screen Protectors for iPhone 5

The American Thermoform Corporation has produced transparent self-adhesive iPhone screen protector that is top-coated with a hypo-allergenic, non-toxic, Anti-Microbial agent.

Designed with the blind and visually impaired user in mind, a Brailled dot is located over each letter and touch function, which makes it easier to navigate through your phone, send emails and make calls. The cost is US \$15.95 for 2 protectors. Visit the American Thermoform website for more information at <http://americanthermoform.com/>

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iPhone 5

Apps – Selected Updates

TapTapSee Now Charging

TapTapSee, a great little app designed to identify objects from a photo, is now charging for the service. As you can imagine, this has caused quite a bit of discussion and debate in the VI community!

Draconis – DoItWrite

DoItWrite is an educational tool and game to teach vision impaired users of iOS 7's VoiceOver screen reader how to draw printed letters and numbers for use with VoiceOver's handwriting feature in iOS 7. Learn to draw lowercase letters, uppercase letters, and numbers for use with iOS 7's VoiceOver handwriting feature! This app is primarily intended for the blind or visually impaired, teachers or instructors of same, and other users of iOS 7's VoiceOver screen reader. It appears to be quite user friendly and accessible.

Free Window Eyes

From Garry Stinchcombe

This offer is all the chat at the moment around the VI blogs and Tech services. Might be worthwhile a try for some students with vision impairments. Could save a fortune long term or at the very least, be a tool in the tool-kit! Go to the following link for more information at:

<http://www.windoweyesforoffice.com/>

PowerPoint Access via BrailleNote Apex

KeySoft 9.4 offers PowerPoint access via the BrailleNote Apex. It is possible to view and edit the PowerPoint presentation via braille and/or voice output. Presenters can email the PPTX file to braille readers prior to their presentation.

To view the Humanware tutorial, visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bkU4pYnMtKk>

Some of the Best iOS 7 Tips from 2013

From Adam Morris – ozios list

- **4 essentials everyone should know when getting started with iOS 7**
<http://osxdaily.com/2013/09/18/four-essential-ios-7-tips/>
 While some of iOS 7 stayed the same, some of it looked very different – there are some absolute essential tricks to familiarize yourself with the new experience.
- **5 simple usability tips to improve iOS 7**
<http://osxdaily.com/2013/10/04/simple-usability-improvements-ios-7/>
 A few adjustments can go a long way in improving usability and readability, and that's exactly what these tips aim to do.
- **6 tricks to speed up iOS 7**
<http://osxdaily.com/2013/09/23/ios-7-slow-speed-it-up/>
 If you felt that installing the new update slowed down your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch, this is for you.
- **8 ways to increase the battery life of iOS 7 devices**
<http://osxdaily.com/2013/09/19/ios-7-battery-life-fix/>
 Sure the whizz-bang flashy eye candy features of iOS 7 look great, but they can also negatively affect battery life.
- **10 tips for using iOS Mail smarter and faster**
<http://osxdaily.com/2013/07/10/10-mail-tips-ios/>
 Email can be a burden, but these tricks are practically guaranteed to make you more productive when emailing from the mobile world of iOS.
- **Safari keyboard shortcuts for iOS devices with external keyboards**
<http://osxdaily.com/2013/11/10/safari-keyboard-shortcuts-ios/>
 If you use a Bluetooth keyboard with an iPad, these are must-knows.
- **The ultimate Siri commands list**
<http://osxdaily.com/2013/02/05/list-siri-commands/>
 Did you know that Siri could do this much?
- **95 funny Siri commands that are sure to make you laugh**
<http://osxdaily.com/2013/12/29/funny-siri-commands/>
 Keep entertained for hours by asking Siri a bunch of silly questions and commands, you're sure to get a chuckle out of the responses.
- **Braille Squad – A free game for emerging Braille readers**
 The game uses the iPad paired with the refreshable Braille display. The link to the trial version is: <http://wwwx.cs.unc.edu/Courses/comp523-f13/braille/Menu.html>

KeySoft 9.4 – Free Upload

An upgrade is now available for the BrailleNote Apex. Visit: http://support.humanware.com/en-australia/support/brailnote_apex/software/keysoft_94

Podcast – Albinism: Pale & Interesting

Radio National's "Body Sphere" which will air on 2 February 2014 features the following program Albinism: Pale & Interesting

We're all into protecting our skin these days, but what is it like to be Australian, African or Pacific Islander and have to stay well out of the sun because you have albinism? Albinism is a genetic condition that gives you white hair and pale skin and impaired eyesight – but there are loads of myths and misconceptions about it. If you miss the actual date for the program it will be available as a podcast from the Radio National website.

English Online Interview: Braille Materials

The English Online Interview assesses the English skills of students in Years Prep to 2. The Interview assesses students across the three modes of English in AusVELS (the Australian Curriculum in Victoria) – Reading, Writing and Speaking and Listening. The English Online Interview is a one-to-one interview between a teacher and student, using texts and downloadable resources designed specifically for the Interview.

Copies of the testing materials are available to teachers in braille – please contact the SVRC.

Scholarships for Space Camp 2014

From Dan Oates, SCIVIS

I am very excited to tell you about this amazing opportunity for blind and low vision students throughout the world. In cooperation with Space Camp and SCIVIS, the St. Louis Lighthouse for the Blind is offering full scholarships and transportation assistance to children of unique cultural diversity to attend SCIVIS 2014. The link below will give you the details of the scholarship program.

<http://www.tsbvi.edu/space/lighthouse.htm>



SCIVIS 2014, the 25th Anniversary, should prove to be an exciting year!

Who: Upper secondary students in DEECD schools

When: 2-3 weeks during September 2014

Where: Huntsville, Alabama (with excursions in Los Angeles and who knows where else!)

Student News

- **Nathaniel** from Rutherglen will be studying Arts at La Trobe University in Wodonga this year and living on campus! All the best Nathaniel!
- **Zac** from Bendigo (photo right) received well-deserved recognition at the end of last year – highly commended for effort across all subjects in Year 10, and recognition for his year as house captain.
Zac now has a part time job where he is working in the landscape and leisure industry with duties including answering phones and customer service – his grandmother comments, "As you can see, there is no stopping this young man!!"
- **Please send other student news so we can all enjoy!**



Braille Course News

- SWVR Visiting Teacher **Deb Davidson** has successfully completed the SVRC Braille Correspondence Course – fantastic work, Deb!!!

Staff News

- **Charlie Roberts** will be taking a year's leave from Support Skills – though will still be VTing in the Peninsula area.
- We have a new VT in rural SWVR (Warrnambool area) – **Claire Battersby** – welcome!
- **Emily White** will be replacing **Charlie Roberts** in the role of PE teacher on Support Skills this year.
- **Heidi Littleford** will be moving from Western Metropolitan area to NEVR – Eastern Metropolitan area.
- **Jenny Williams** has reduced her time fraction and will be working in just one region – NEVR.
- We have a new VT in rural NEVR (Albury area) – **Jill Poole** – welcome!
- **Jordie Howell** has successfully applied for the position of Braille Music Teacher for the 2014 Support Skills Program and we look forward to another great year!
- **Lea Nagel** will be working at the SVRC on Fridays for Support Skills in term 1 – we are hoping to replace her 3-4 days per week – we'll let you know!
- **Tracy Lancaster** is on Maternity Leave from NEVR – **Dean Johnson** is replacing her.

ClearView – Free!

Quantum RLV has a colour ClearView unit (no screen) available for free! It will connect via video input (yellow cord) to a TV screen and may suit a student for home use. Please contact Deb at SVRC for further details.

Tip: Extend the Life of Your Electronic Magnification Unit

This tip could be useful for people who have an older Electronic Magnification Unit with the old-style monitor (seen in top photo). You could get a much bigger and clearer picture by replacing the original monitor with a new wide-screen monitor (seen in lower photo). The new monitors generally have a better screen resolution and are much lighter and easier to store. This worked with the EMU we had at SVRC recently because the old monitor was easily dismantled from the unit, leaving a flat platform on the top. You would need to check the balance and safety of the new arrangement.



Vacancies

South-Western Victoria Region currently has vacancies for VTs – Vision. Please contact Jane Jensen for further information: 0409 545794.

Finally

Editors Deb Lewis and Lyn Robinson wish to thank everyone for their contributions to this issue of The Bulletin, and in particular Dianne Skillern, Garry Stinchcombe, Geoff Bowen and Lea Nagel.

If you have something you would like included in “The Bulletin” please email: svrc@svrc.vic.edu.au

To read The Bulletin online: <http://www.svrc.vic.edu.au/Abulletin.shtml>

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Educational Support for Blind Students

When: Monday 10 February 2014 from 9.00am to 3.30pm
(Registration from 8.30am)

Where: Statewide Vision Resource Centre
370 Springvale Rd Donvale

Parking: Lower carpark – next door at the Donvale Sports Complex

For: Class and subject teachers, integration teachers and aides, therapists, family members and visiting teachers

8.45	Registration
9.00	Seeing with our Fingers – staff of the SVRC
10.30	Living Braille – Garry Stinchcombe, Support Skills Co-ordinator, SVRC
11.00	Morning Tea
11.20	Getting Around: Orientation and Mobility – staff of Guide Dogs Victoria
11.50	Success in the Primary and Secondary School – staff of the SVRC
12.30	Lunch (includes optional tour of the SVRC) – please speak to a staff member
1.15	Braille Under the Microscope: Panel Discussion (so please bring your questions)
1.45	One Family's Experience – Kylie and Jackie Robinson
2.15	If I Do It Right They Won't Need Me Any More! – Geoff Bowen, Psychologist, SVRC
3.30	Close

Cost: \$66.00 including GST (Visiting Teachers \$22.00)
Payment includes a light lunch (maximum participants: 60)

Registration is essential: by Thursday 6 February

For further details or for an invoice: phone 9841 0242 or email pd@svrc.vic.edu.au



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Educational Support for Students with Low Vision

When: Monday 24 February 2014 from 9.00am to 3.30pm **OR**

Tuesday 25 February 2014 from 9.00am to 3.30pm

(Registration from 8.30am)

Where: Statewide Vision Resource Centre

370 Springvale Rd Donvale

Parking: Lower carpark – next door at the Donvale Sports Complex

For: Class and subject teachers, integration teachers and aides, therapists, family members and visiting teachers

8.30	Registration
9.00	Low Vision: What's it like? – Staff of the SVRC, Staff of Guide Dogs Victoria & Robert Aaltonen, CEO
10.20	Introduction – Marion Blazé, SVRC.
10.30	Morning Tea
11.00	About Vision – Annette Godfrey-Magee, SVRC
11.20	Strategies to Support the Student with Low Vision in the Classroom – Sam Oxley, Visiting Teacher, North-Eastern Victoria Region
12.20	Success in the Primary and Secondary Setting – staff of the SVRC
12.50	iPad Accessibility for Low Vision Users Lyn Robinson, SVRC
1.10	Lunch (includes optional tour of the SVRC)
1.50	Technology in the Classroom – staff of the SVRC OR Towards VCE – Lyn Robinson, SVRC
2.10	The Vision Impaired Student in Your Classroom – Individual, Social and Family Perspectives – Geoff Bowen, Psychologist, SVRC
3.10	Let's Hear It from the Students Themselves... (Includes Q & A)
3.30	Close

Cost: \$66.00 including GST (Visiting Teachers \$22.00)

Payment includes a light lunch (maximum participants: 60)

Registration is essential: by Thursday 20 February

For further details or for an invoice: phone 9841 0242 or email pd@svrc.vic.edu.au



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Statewide Vision Resource Centre

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Professional Learning Day

for new and newish Visiting Teachers

Monday 3 March 2014 from 9.30am

New Visiting teachers are invited to an orientation day at the Statewide Vision Resource Centre. Apart from the chance to meet the staff of the SVRC, look at the resources, borrow items and discuss students on their case-load, the program will also include:

- **Procedures** – The role of the Statewide Vision Resource Centre in support of your visiting teacher work
- **Processes** – Educational Vision Assessment Clinic, eligibility, nature of support, professional learning days, referrals (eg orientation and mobility, low vision services), funding, resources – what and how to request, VCE
- **The eye & vision impairment**
- **References** – and useful websites
- **The ‘Expanded Core Curriculum’** for students with vision impairments
- **Learning media assessment** – How should my student be reading and writing?

Cost: Free

Lunch: If you'd like to purchase lunch, it can be ordered through the Heatherwood School Trade Kitchen during the morning.

Registration is essential: by Friday 28 February – email pd@svrc.vic.edu.au



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Art4kidswith VI?

What to do with the student who is blind or has low vision in my art room?

When: Monday 17 March 2014 from 9.00 am to 3.30 pm

Registration: from 8.45am – please meet at the “Mouse Hole” on the north end of NGV, adjacent to the entrance to the Arts Centre

Where: National Gallery of Victoria, International, 180 St Kilda Road Melbourne
(**Please note:** not at SVRC)

This one-day seminar and workshop will be held at the centrally located National Gallery of Victoria and in association with NGV Schools Educators. The seminar will investigate options, strategies and issues related to working with and teaching a student who is blind or has low vision in your art room or classroom art-making session.

The day will include:

Morning: (in the NGV Schools lecture theatre and workshop) information on setting up or adjusting the room to better accommodate your student; issues of access to the visual arts; specialist techniques; budget options; and opportunities for “hands-on” art making; then,

Afternoon: (in the NGV Sculpture Garden and elsewhere) exploration of works of art under blind-fold, investigating the use of visual description, tactile diagrams and touch access.

About the Presenter: Michael Donnelly, B.Ed(Art), Post-Grad.Dip. Fine Art

From 1999 to 2009 Michael taught at the RVIB / Vision Australia School in Burwood, Victoria. He previously taught Art & Design in Catholic Secondary Colleges for many years. Michael currently teaches in the Support Skills Program of the Statewide Vision Resource Centre, Donvale, and is a Visiting Teacher for Vision Impairment in the North-Western Victoria Region, DEECD.

Michael has presented papers at the South Pacific Educators in Vision Impairment Conferences in 2003 and 2005 and has produced *Meaningful Art for All Children*, 2008, an illustrated manual for creating art with school students who are blind or have low vision; *Do Touch the Sculptures: A walking tour of the public sculptures along Swanston Street and the Bourke Street Mall, Melbourne*, 2005 (a Tactile / Braille Tour Guide); and *All My Own Work! Independent Artist or Co-active Collaborator: The fine line Art Teachers to the Blind and Vision Impaired tread*. Australian Art Education Journal, Special Education Edition, 2003.

Cost: \$85.00 (includes a light lunch)

RSVP: Wednesday 12 March, 2014 (registration is essential)

For enquiries: (03) 9841 0242; **for an invoice:** pd@svrc.vic.edu.au

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Professional Development Forum for Visiting Teachers

When: Tuesday 18th March 2014 from 9.30am to 3.30pm

Where: Statewide Vision Resource Centre, 370 Springvale Rd Donvale

Parking: Lower carpark of the Sports Complex next door – thanks!

Cost: \$35.00 includes a light lunch (no further discounts available)

PROGRAM COMING SOON!

The staff of the Statewide Vision Resource Centre offer a professional development program which references the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers and is open to Visiting Teachers across Victoria.

The program is designed in consultation with Visiting Teachers and aims to support their work with students with vision impairments who are enrolled in Victorian schools.

Students with vision impairments make up a very small percentage of the Victorian school population – perhaps 0.05%.

Today's educators teach a diverse student population which may include students with vision impairments.

Students with vision impairments may require adjustments and/or particularization in order for them to participate in the school curriculum.

Staff of the SVRC aim to provide a Professional Development Program which can assist Visiting Teachers to support educators to make the necessary adjustments for students with vision impairments.

**The program is currently under development.
If you have suggestions or would like to offer a session,
please email svrc@svrc.vic.edu.au.**



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SVRC Skill Power Program

The Statewide Vision Resource Centre conducts a program of hands-on workshops during the year for class and subject teachers, integration teachers and aides, therapists, family members and visiting teachers.

The workshops are conducted by staff of the SVRC and/or by specialists in a particular item of technology.

The following sessions generally appear in the annual program:

- Braille Maths & Tactual Graphicacy
- Braille Music
- BrailleNote
- Computer without the Mouse
- Duxbury Translation
- Electronic Magnification Units
- iPad
- JAWS
- MAGic
- NVDA
- Ozzie Dots
- Pearl & OpenBook
- Setting up the Computer for LV Users
- Victor Reader
- Vision Impairments eg Albinism
- ZoomText

If you cannot find what you are looking for, please request a session!

Where: Statewide Vision Resource Centre, 370 Springvale Rd Donvale

Parking: Lower carpark – next door at the Donvale Sports Complex

Cost: There is no charge for these workshops

BYO: your laptop with the software loaded OR the item of technology

Also BYO: lunch or you may be able to order from the Heatherwood Trade Kitchen on the day

Registration is essential: email pd@svrc.vic.edu.au

To see the annual PD program: www.svrc.vic.edu.au/PLPannual.shtml



Parking at the SVRC

There is no parking available at the Statewide Vision Resource Centre or Heatherwood School. Please park **in the lower carpark** behind the Donvale Sports Centre – the building beside (to the north) of the SVRC. You can then walk through the double gates and the Statewide Vision Resource Centre is to the left.

Public Transport: Bus and train

The nearest and most accessible train station is Nunawading. Trains on the Belgrave and Lilydale lines run through this station. A bus also runs from Box Hill Central which also has good train access.

The Statewide Vision Resource Center is serviced by **3 bus routes**.

- 902 Smart Bus, Chelsea to Airport West
- 271 Box Hill to Ringwood
- 273 Nunawading to The Pines

The 902 and 273 both leave from the Nunawading station. It is only an 8 minute trip to the SVRC.

