

# Coolamon College Student Survey 2007

## Computer Technology and My Study

Please answer as many questions as you can, as your response will help us support all students

### 1. Desirable directions

The kinds of computer technology I would find helpful for learning include:

(please rank in order of *preference* and *practicality* from 1 to 10; in other words, you could use these resources with computers and internet access *already available* to you)

- NONE! I can't / don't want to use technology in my study
- access to electronic databases and archives in my subject area
- website FAQs about how to study effectively
- website FAQs about my subject area
- new ways of interacting *with area tutors*
- new ways of interacting *with other students*
- podcasts or other audio files designed to play on my computer
- electronic assessment methods (eg online tests or other assignments)
- group discussions *at set times* (negotiating with others in advance)
- 'streaming' video or other online-live filmed interaction

### 2. Past experience

(please tick *only one* of the following boxes)

- I use the internet often and feel confident with it
- I have used the internet occasionally and know how to get around
- I have seldom used the internet and find it intimidating
- I have never used the internet
- The internet is not available where I do my study

### 3. Existing technologies

I already have, and regularly use:

(please tick *all* of the following boxes that apply)

- mobile phone
- computer without internet where I do my study
- computer with dial-up internet where I do my study
- computer with broadband internet where I do my study
- MP3 player (or equivalent) with sound only
- MP3 player (or equivalent) with both sound and video

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(Existing technologies, contd)

- pdf reader on my computer
  - Powerpoint software or equivalent
  - printer with colour capability
  - scanner and software to use on my computer
  - other (please name): \_\_\_\_\_
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## 4. Learning support by computer

The *most important* ways in which computers could help me learn would be:

(please number *at least the top three items* in order of priority)

- providing resources I cannot get locally (eg electronic library databases)
  - providing other information to support my subjects
  - a chance to interact with other students doing distance study
  - a chance to interact with other students in my subject area
  - a chance to interact with tutors or others with expertise
  - electronically submitting assignments and receiving feedback
  - using self-tests and other ways to check my progress
  - other (please name): \_\_\_\_\_
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## 5. Technology characteristics

For me to feel comfortable using technology, it *must* be:

(please rank in order of preference from 1 to 8)

- reliable (tested over time and not likely to freeze my computer)
- cutting-edge (using the latest tools and designs)
- affordable (ready to use without much further expense)
- interactive (designed for use in small groups)
- simple (easy to understand, easy to operate)
- designed to cater for different learning styles
- open-source (I know enough to adapt software for my needs)
- attractive (creative, appealing in design, and fun to use)

Please post your survey back to Coolamon College when you have completed it.

**Many thanks for your help in providing us this information!!**