# Adapting to changes in the learning environment

*Andrea Thompson, Teacher at Toronto Adventist School, shares her classroom experiences with the ActivPanel*

Here at Toronto Adventist School, we've had to adapt to a lot of changes over the past several months, and we're certainly not the only school that has had to think carefully about how we can safely deliver a quality education for our students.

As a small school, we have a limited budget so purchasing lots of new equipment to overhaul lesson delivery simply wasn't an option – we had to look at how we could make the most of existing resources, and our ActivPanel quickly became a big part of that.

We received our ActivPanel as a winner of the Promethean Grant, and have been mainly using it in our year 3-6 classroom, though we also bring the ActivPanel in to deliver presentations during Chapel (assembly) whenever possible. Our ActivPanel is mounted on a wheeled stand, which has always been a great help as we can move it with ease.

When social distancing requirements came into effect, our classes temporarily couldn't mix in one room as we usually do for Chapel. Luckily, the

mobility of the ActivPanel on its stand meant that we could move it somewhere everyone could see: having the school sit socially-distanced outside, we set up the ActivPanel on the veranda for a unique assembly experience!

The interactive capabilities of the ActivPanel have been fantastic for helping us to maintain engaging lesson delivery no matter the learning environment. I like to take photos of students' workbooks and display them on the screen to promote discussion and make the feedback process more interesting and memorable. We've also been experimenting with the Timer and Spinner tools to help mix up our activities and keep the learning experience fresh.

The students love using the ActivPanel. They've easily and intuitively figured out how to utilise the device. It is great to see them finding new ways of using the technology to make achieving quality learning easier.

During COVID-19 restrictions, we have been teaching ourselves how to use the ActivPanel. I have found that if I think of something I would like to do with the ActivPanel, it's easy to find an app with that very function.

I use the Instant Whiteboard App that comes as standard on the ActivPanel for just about everything throughout the day, then I save our work at the end of the lesson to keep a record of our learning to reflect on or to look back at when needed.



*The ActivPanel has been a brilliant time-saving resource for us. Being able to record activities or annotate on-screen and then share these resources and ideas with one another is excellent.*

We are all so grateful to have won the ActivPanel, it has already been a huge help in the classroom. There's still a lot of scope for us to upskill and do even more with this innovative technology, which we can't wait to explore!

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