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A little about us...

Wodonga TAFE (Technical And Further Education) is a state and territory-owned technical and further education college in north-east Victoria, Australia. We have a large spacious campus providing our students with practical, hands-on training and education across a range of industry areas, including health and community services, agriculture and horticulture, hospitality, tourism and events, business and management, outdoor recreation, engineering, timber studies, building design, and transport, warehousing and logistics.

In our arts, creative design and digital media school, we offer students courses in graphics, design, visual arts, sound production, fashion design, and clothing production, as well as photography - where our learners are excited about the many benefits that the new ActivPanel will bring to their studies.

Why we entered...

We entered the Promethean Grant competition because we know that it will be a mind-blowing addition to our studio, enabling more interaction and hands-on learning.

We were due for a technology upgrade as currently we use a laptop connected to an overhead projector, which simply does not provide the quality of visual and detail that is so crucial to a photography course. A lot of time is spent walking round the room with the camera, showing students the three-inch viewfinder to demonstrate key skills such as lighting, image capture, enhancements, and manipulation.

When we had the opportunity to use the demo model, we got to grips with it so easily and were bowled over by the tools and quality of on-screen image. It was like having a giant tablet on wheels - we loved the simplicity of being able to plug in a laptop or camera and then use the panel to drive its use. Having access to a demo ActivPanel gave us insight into the potential of the technology, but as in any teaching facility, budget was a major barrier to us making an immediate investment... and we didn't want to wait!

What winning means to us...

We have a positive feeling that it is going to be really exciting having access to an ActivPanel in our studio. Instead of people being hunched over computers, everyone can have the opportunity to be at the front of the room, talking, explaining and sharing their knowledge.

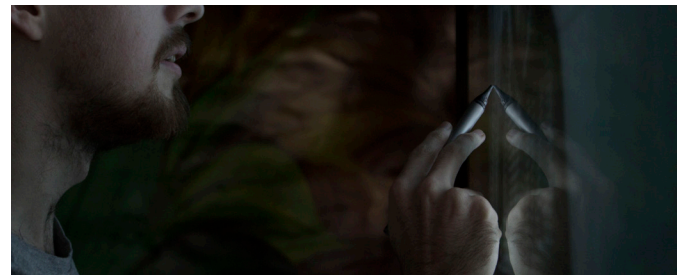
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tools for creativity and imagination.

We have raved about the ActivPanel so much that we're hoping other teaching departments see the benefits and find the budget to install in their rooms so more and more students across Wodonga TAFE can benefit. In the tertiary market there is lots of unaccredited education providers, so having this technology helps the college to be consistent in offering the best experience to our students, and makes us more competitive with our recruitment.

Our killer three tips...

- Tell the truth - tell it like it is, warts and all, so that the judges can see how your college or school will benefit from the technology
- Be natural - show how passionate the students are about the subject
- Be creative - show how the students collaborate to share ideas and get their message across as a group



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We're over the moon to be a winner of the Promethean Grant because as a teacher I know that being able to use this technology will make a technical and sometimes quite intimidating programme, less wary for the students.

We plan to use it in each lesson / session as the potential for interaction will bring the theory of the subject much more to life and provide us with amazing tools for creativity and imagination.



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