

VIDEOSTREAMING

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FIND OUT THE TRUTH HERE!

There are a lot of misconceptions out there about Videostreaming. Here we put your mind at ease and take away any reason you may have had for not using streaming in the past as part of your delivery.

It costs too much

Videostreaming is completely free of charge. It won't cost you anything to produce the streams, it won't cost you anything to keep the streams there for as long as you'd like, and it won't cost you anything to have them accessed over and over again by multiple students. Even the videoconference you attend to record streams is free.

It's too hard

Streaming is one of the simplest ways to develop a teaching resource. You don't need any specialised software, you don't need hours of training and you don't need to be an IT specialist to use the equipment. It's as easy as booking a videoconference with your friendly local Site Co-ordinator, showing up at your VC room on the day, and recording your presentation. The Support Analyst will be there to walk you through the entire process, including how to use the VC equipment. They'll then put the whole thing together for you and send you the link so that you have a great resource for your students. Obviously if you want to use PowerPoint, the document camera or a demonstration area, it does require a little bit of extra work, but it's nothing we can't work through together! If fear of the technology is what has been putting you off please contact us to organise a short orientation so that you can see how easy the whole process is.

I have to do lots of training before I can stream

There is no formal training required to deliver a streaming session, however we do recommend that you have a 15 minute orientation session with the Support Analyst just to make sure that you'll be comfortable in the VC environment and that you'll get the most out of your presentations.

I teach practical subjects and you can't do that via streaming

Streaming has been used in Fitness, Stonemasonry, Automotive, Aged Care and Bricklaying, to name just a few. While there are some practical areas that may not be able to be demonstrated in a videoconference room, you are able to upload videos of practical demonstrations in your workshop or out in industry using My Mediasite, just contact us to find out how!

There's no one to help me

Every TAFE location has a trained Site Co-ordinator to help you with the videoconference booking, setting up on the day and showing you how to use the equipment. Each Region has a Regional Education Co-ordinator that can help with developing your presentation, how to fit streaming into your course and to give you general advice about using streaming as a delivery method. The Support Analyst can also help you with anything to do with streaming or using the videoconferencing equipment.

I don't have time

Do you have time to answer the same questions from students every day? Do you have time to run the same face to face class each semester? If you answered yes to either of these then streaming should be no problem for you. If you answered no but you still have to do them anyway then streaming would be a fantastic way to increase your productivity, because once you record your presentation it's there until it's no longer relevant or needed. Streaming allows you to record presentations on those areas that students have the most problems with and often need to contact you about or on topics that you don't necessarily have time to cover in detail in a face to face environment. Also, depending on the resources that you are already using, in most cases (for example your PowerPoint's) they can be used in your streaming delivery.



I don't like seeing myself on TV

In most videoconference rooms there are two monitors. There's two ways around looking at yourself on the preview monitor. The first is to put your PowerPoint up. We'll still be able to see you and your image will still be recorded but you won't be able to see yourself. The second is to turn that monitor off altogether, as this doesn't affect the stream in any way (just remember to turn it back on before you leave the room!).

It's too hard for my students to access

The streams can be accessed through our learning management system Connect, via a link in an e-mail, in a Word or PDF document or through any other website. It's as simple as them clicking on a link. There is no special software needed, however there is support available in case they have any problems. Our website also has information about the minimum requirements needed, as well as an Introduction stream they can view to make sure everything will work for them before they start their study.

I'm a technophobic

Between your Site Co-ordinator, your Regional Education Co-ordinator and the Support Analyst we can help you through any fears you may have about the videoconferencing equipment, and you don't need to worry about the technical side of Videostreaming, that's what we're here for. If you're unsure of any of the technical aspects get in touch with us, we have a stream that shows you just how easy it is!

I won't get approval

Show your manager this flyer and ask if there's a reason why they won't let you stream. Maybe they believed one of the myths too!

For more information

If you would like more information about Videostreaming, or would like to set up an orientation, please contact us on the details below. We look forward to working with you to create great teaching resources soon!

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If you would like to see examples of Videostreaming, information sessions on how to use streaming, or hints and tips for including great streams in your program, go to <http://videoling.tafe.net/videostreaming/videostreaming.html>.