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SA teacher benefits from interactive learning

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Australian teachers are reaping the benefits of the newly launched MimioClassroom suite, which transforms standard classrooms into interactive learning hubs with an integrated and intuitive range of education tools.

Emma Hobson, an English, society and environment teacher at Walkerie High School in South Australia has been trialling the DYMO/Mimio range of products with her students and is especially taken. "Mimio is fantastic", Emma says. "It's great to have really easy technology for the classroom that I can use to pre-prepare material and teach it with a great visual effect."

The centerpiece is the MimioTeach bar, a portable device that attaches to existing whiteboards to turn them into interactive teaching tools. The MimioClassroom suite also includes a document camera, student assessment system, ink capture device and a wireless tablet.

While Emma uses the full MimioClassroom range, they can be used together or as separate tools.

Emma has been pleased to see her students, who range from 13 to 16 years old, extremely engaged with Mimio. "They like the buzzing feel of the pens and being able to move things around the board – my students are very enthusiastic about using it," she says.

Within her subject areas, Emma uses Mimio for all kinds of classroom activities including "spelling, brainstorming, Venn diagrams, introducing a new task and essay writing. I've used it for everything, even my own list of tasks for the day!"

The possibilities of creating new and exciting lesson plans are endless. Emma points out that she is constantly discovering ways to re-package information that provoke different reactions from her students. "If I can present information to classes in a new way, it is definitely more interactive, hands-on and engaging for my students."

Emma is especially enthusiastic about MimioVote, a student assessment system that uses interactive voting controllers. This gives teachers a simple way to track their students' progress in tests, and provides an innovative



environment for students, who are often uninspired by standard written tests.

Emma's students love using MimioVote and even look forward to their next tests! "It really helps with their concentration, especially for students who are not as engaged with written exams. My students are very enthusiastic about MimioVote and often ask me when we can use it next. It's just a different way of learning," she adds.

The new MimioClassroom suite of easy-to-use, teacher-friendly tools allows educators to teach creatively, engage students and provide real benefits in the classroom. Mimio's Australia Sales Manager, Peter Goldie, says the design philosophy, "Simply Teach", covers all hardware, software and firmware design.

"Our engineers designed the MimioClassroom suite with the specific needs of teachers and students in mind. It is fantastic to hear about Emma's positive experiences with the different tools, confirming that we have successfully met our objectives to provide easy-to-use and relevant technology for the classroom," he says.

The benefits of the new MimioClassroom suite are further enhanced with the innovative new MimioStudio 7 Software. The software delivers automatic integration and lets MimioTeach, MimioVote, MimioCapture and MimioPad work

flawlessly with each other.

The DYMO/Mimio Classroom suites of products include:

MimioTeach™ – the heart of the MimioClassroom suite. MimioTeach transforms any dry-erase whiteboard into a fully-interactive whiteboard to enable interactive learning. MimioTeach is also supported by various other new, innovative features including:

MimioVote™ Student Assessment System – simplifies assessment, grading and recording-keeping

MimioView™ Document Camera – incorporates images and video into interactive lessons

MimioCapture™ Ink Recording System – captures whiteboard images made with dry-erase markers

MimioPad™ Wireless Tablet – move around the classroom while teaching with the whiteboard remotely

MimioStudio™ 7 Software – compatible with popular software applications and other ITT software

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