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Te Puna Ako News

Updates on Learning and Teaching at Unitec



Events, resources and news

Events

AHE Virtual Keynote Event

Thurs 1st July

Keynotes by internationally recognised scholars and a Pandemic Pop-up Panel of assessment experts chaired by Emerita Professor Sally Brown.

[Register here](#)

New Teacher Induction

Mon 12th – Wed 14th July

Open to all lecturers, and tutorial assistants to attend

Contact us at tepunaako@unitec.ac.nz to self-enrol, or to enrol your new teaching staff.

Resources

[Ako Aotearoa PD](#)

A range of topics including –:

Literacy and Numeracy for Adults Assessment Tool

Enhancing Pacific Cultural Capability

Introduction to the Pacific Cultural Centredness Pathway

[Ako Aotearoa article – Curriculum and employability](#)

[Read here :What frustrates students most about online classes](#)

News

All [badge courses](#) are now guest enabled

This means you can view any content in any badge without having to enrol.

Do enrol to submit evidence.

At a glance

- Solutions for Echo360 video recordings in Bridgepoint
- Welcome new Interim Manager
- New Moodle Quiz questions
- Learning and development opportunities

Te Puna Ako News gives you a quick update of learning and teaching news, good practice at Unitec and practical ideas on how you can create better learning .

The TPA liaison for your school can be found on the Nest [here](#).

Echo360: Easier than I thought

Making, storing and sharing video recordings of students' presentations for assessment, used to be tricky in Bridgepoint. A lecturer from Certificate in Liaison Interpreting tells us how he solved it.

"Our APM and course co-ordinator attended a session on how Echo360 could assist our team specifically, and then they were sold. We contacted our TPA liaison who talked us through the process and helped us on the assessment day.



We did a couple of trial runs to build confidence and understand the process so we were pretty sure we knew what to do on the day.

I've now learnt a bit more about adding interactive questions into my PPTs in Echo, and yes there is a badge for it" says Dr Hong-yu Gong, Senior Lecturer in Bridgepoint.

Welcome James Oldfield - Interim Manager TPA

Following Maura's departure, Professor Martin Carroll has appointed James as Interim Manager of Te Puna Ako.

James worked closely with Maura so this will provide seamless continuity until the permanent position is filled.

He says "the TPA team is full of amazingly talented and helpful people, and Maura has done such a great job in nurturing the team. I think I learn something new from the team every day!"



End of semester tidy for Moodle courses

At the end of semester, there are several steps you can take to tidy and prepare your course for the next semester

- Download any submissions from Turnitin - [see how here](#). They need to be saved for a year.

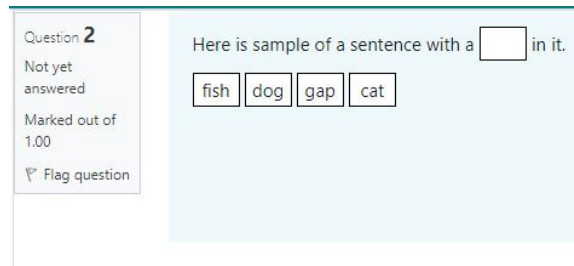
Create new Turnitin links for next semester.

- Download submissions from any Moodle Assignments
- Reset your course once semester is over so that your new cohort of students are not seeing old material - especially in Forums

Contact your Te Puna Ako liaison for help - that's what we're here for.

New Moodle Quiz features

Get your learners thinking about and reviewing your key course concepts. Moodle Quiz now has more questions types, such as text drag and drop. [See more information linked here](#) or contact your TPA liaison for help.



What else can TPA help you with?

Here's what we do:

- Leading and supporting Unitec's teaching policy and strategy
- Academic advice in all aspects of teaching and learning (general, literacy and eLearning)
- Professional development for teaching through a range of badges designed around the teaching competencies
- Direction and support for eLearning
- Advisory support for programme or course development or improvement

Our Academic Advisors provide a range of support including:

- Working one-to-one with teaching staff, teams or other support services on specific teaching/learning issues
- Supporting professional development of teachers– from New Teacher Induction to on-going development of teaching competence, including recognition through digital credentials (badges)
- Providing academic advice and some hands-on support for programme/course development or improvement
- Supporting individuals or teams in the Assessment of Prior Learning (APL) and the designing and delivery of Work-Based-Learning (WBL)
- Facilitating Small Group Instructional Diagnosis (SGIDs)

Our Digital Advisors work with staff on:

- Integrating learning technologies into programmes or courses; such as Moodle, Echo360, Turnitin, MyPortfolio and Zoom
 - Using digital tools to support student engagement and interaction
 - Supporting teachers to develop capability in the use of eLearning tools
 - Induction, training and support in the use of collaborative teaching spaces
 - Supporting teachers to work with our attendance tracking app, SEAtS
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