

## TeamSpot Update

### Lab 2.0 – V Block Library, Gardens Point

Lab 2.0 is the new interactive, group learning space designed to facilitate group work. The space is intended to be a flexible learning environment that fosters group work and assists with team dynamics. Students enter an environment based on Web 2.0 principles that encourages creativity, information sharing and group collaboration.

The concept for the new learning space was to ensure students could work in an interactive environment that suited each individual groups needs. The space consists of highly moveable furniture, mobile whiteboards, MoCows (mobile collaboration stations on wheels) and flexible room dividers.

The MoCow units consist of a sturdy trolley that holds a 42" Plasma screen, PC with wired keyboard and mouse, AV cables for directly connecting laptops to the screen if by-passing the MoCow PC is required and power-data connection for the MoCow unit is encased in an umbilical cord that is attached to the roof. This suspended umbilical cord arrangement gives the MoCow its mobility.

The technology within the space provides access to TeamSpot software, enabling students to connect their own personal laptop to the program and share project work, research artefacts in real-time with one another.

Feedback evaluation and passive observation of student's use of Lab 2.0 equipment has shown that students have quickly adopted using TeamSpot to help share research, files and build group work artefacts. There has been positive feedback and enthusiasm from students and many have expressed keen interest in seeing more MoCows becoming available in other student areas around the university.



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### **Clayton Utz Law Library – C Block, Gardens Point**

The Clayton Utz Law library underwent renovations over the end of 2007 and beginning of 2008. The newly renovated Clayton Utz law library now has a dedicated open-plan student space area designed to facilitate quiet individual study and also group work. The space is furnished with a configuration of several leather lounges, coffee tables, standard desks and chair combinations, two MoCow units and permanent group collaboration booths.



The distinguishing feature of the student space is the permanent group collaboration booths. The collaboration booths are open-plan with only three walls and no doors. Two of the booth walls are made of glass with a section of the glass frosted white so that students can use the glass walls dividing each of the booths as whiteboards. In each of the booths there are standard tables and chairs configurations that cater for group sizes between 4 and 6 members.

Each of the booths have a dedicated collaboration station, these stations consists of 42" Plasma screens, direct connection AV cables, PC and wireless keyboard and mouse which is issued to students via short-term loan by library staff. These stations have TeamSpot software installed and the system is configured to automatically to boot TeamSpot on start up.

During semester the collaboration booths are very popular with students and are almost always in use during library hours. Students haven't had any reported issues or problems in using the TeamSpot software so far.



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### **Executive MBA (Complex Project Management) – EMCPM high technology learning centre Canberra**

The EMCPM is designed for experienced project managers, both current and those aspiring to take responsibility for large and complex projects. The program is delivered at a purpose built high technology learning centre located in, Canberra, ACT. QUT designed and implemented the high technology learning centre early this year. The centre features a large technology enabled seminar room accompanied by smaller syndicate areas. The syndicate areas are designed to cater for project teams undertaking the Executive MBA course and are technology enabled with collaboration stations that have a large display screen and computer system. TeamSpot is installed on the systems and used by the students to actively share artefacts, collaborate in real-time for problem solving and practicing presentations.



#### **F Block – Kelvin Grove**

F Block at Kelvin Grove contains the new student centre and student computing labs. In the computing labs there are group booths that are arranged in a classical fixed circular booth configuration with a computer station in the middle at the front of the booth configuration. The booths are designed to cater for groups of up to 6 members.

TeamSpot is installed on each of the booth computers and students use this technology to share artefacts with one another. Adjacent to this computer lab is IT Helpdesk where staff are on hand to help with any technical difficulties.

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