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The Challenge

To integrate SMART Technologies into a Preschool setting which has adopted the Early Years Learning Framework.

The Solution

Implementation of SMART Boards together with training and support to enable staff to use technologies across all areas of the Early Years Curriculum.

The Result

The SMART Board supports Early childhood learning, providing a creative and stimulating environment.



CASE STUDY PLATINUM PRESCHOOL

GROWING UP SMART

What was the challenge?

Platinum Pre School wanted to understand how the SMART Board would enhance the learning outcomes of their students as articulated in the Early Years Learning Framework for Australia.

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Earlychildhood/Policy_Agenda/Quality/Documents/Final%20EYLF%20Framework%20Report%20-%20WEB.pdf

Located at Randwick in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney, Platinum Pre-School is a long Day Care Centre catering for children from two to five years of age. Currently there are 128 families enrolled in the centre and 60 children attend the centre daily.

Joanna O'Brien and Nichola McLean the Centre Directors have a shared vision for keeping up with the

evolution of technology which is clearly apparent. Along with the centre's manager Alex Spencer, the staff work as a team to utilise the SMART Boards in their classroom. Joanna believes that visual imagery is "one of the most important tools for learning and exploring ideas in early childhood."

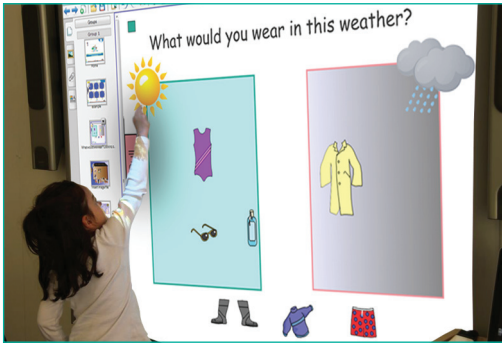
The Solution

As experienced teachers, Joanna and Nichola use the SMART Board to engage and support the children's learning and development. The SMART Board is used throughout the day. In small groups, children have access to the technology room where the SMART Board is used alongside other technologies including computers and iPads.

The Education Consultant, Lucy Schott, trained the Platinum Pre School staff.



Connecting technology to real life experiences.



Learning through play.

For example in literacy children play “interactive games and read e-books associated with the letter of the week”. Visual images and books also teach children comprehension and how to read.

Child Centred learning and staff discussion prompts the meticulous planning of topics. This ensures ICT flows seamlessly through the learning activities. The staff also draw on web based resources including You Tube and CBeebies.

To engage her staff and the parent community, Joanna uses the SMART Board for staff and parent meetings.

The Result

Nichola, Joanna and the Platinum team use the SMART Board every day as an introduction and conclusion to lessons. They believe that it is important for

teachers to have access to internet sites and preloaded software for using in the classroom. Early Childhood learning relies on providing a creative and stimulating environment so having ready access to the World Wide Web is a great support to teachers.

Joanna says that “SMART Boards assist teachers in presenting ideas in a colourful musical and magical way...even down to Santa speaking with children. The children really enjoy interacting and seeing moving pictures. They are developing skills in comprehension and prediction. Special needs children especially benefit from SMART Boards because lessons can be paused, repeated and replayed.

To view Platinum Preschool’s inspiring and effective implementation of SMART Boards in Early Childhood visit: <http://www.platinumpreschool.com.au/ourschool.php?id=81>

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