



Finding your way: CMIS Evaluation

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Curriculum Materials Information Services (CMIS) is project within the *Curriculum Through ICT* program in the Department of Education and Training, Western Australia. The Evaluation section identifies quality curriculum materials that support school curriculum applications, and coordinates the evaluation of those resources.

All forms of resources are reviewed for teachers and students including:

- ◆ print
- ◆ non-print
- ◆ audio visual
- ◆ videocassettes
- ◆ computer software
- ◆ Internet sites.

The CMIS Evaluation team consists of teacher librarians and librarians who work closely with the reviewing network made up of practising teachers, Curriculum Officers in Central office and other professionals working in education. All resources are evaluated and reviewed and annotated bibliographies of recommended resources are published through CMIS and disseminated to all Government schools in WA. Publications are also available on subscription.

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Publications and subscription information

<http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/cmisis/eval/curriculum/publications/index.htm>

Pathfinders

A Pathfinder is a guide to locating a range of suitable resources that may be on- and off-line. It guides students through these resources for a specific subject area or topic to achieve a successful learning outcome.

<http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/cmisis/eval/curriculum/pathfinders/index.htm>

Online Learning Activities

Online learning experiences provide rich and immersive learning that assist in the development of higher order thinking skills. Find here links to online activities, information about WebQuests and how to get started, research modules and online competitions.

<http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/cmisis/eval/curriculum/onlineactivities/index.htm>

Le@rning Federation

The Le@rning Federation is a Commonwealth funded project to provide quality digital content for Australian and New Zealand schools. The digital content has been created as a series of 'learning objects'. The formats can include text, images, audio, video, animation and interactive material.

<http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/cmisis/eval/curriculum/learningobjects/obj2.htm>

Off-site Learning Experiences

Ever wondered where to go for a hands-on experience with your students?

<http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/cmisis/eval/curriculum/excursions/exc1.htm#top>

Software

CMIS reviews a comprehensive range of CD-ROMs to support curriculum programs in Western Australian K-12 schools. Titles may be searched by Learning Area and phase of development.

<http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/cmisis/eval/curriculum/software/index.htm>

Information Literacy

Links to websites and resources dealing with information literacy skills development.

<http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/cmisis/eval/curriculum/infolit/index.htm>

ICT in the Classroom

This section provides access to information about DETWA initiatives and a range of ICT management issues such as viruses, using IRC (chat), videoconferencing and Weblogs in education.

<http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/cmisis/eval/curriculum/ict/index.htm>

Learning Areas

Links to major teaching and professional resources for each Learning Area.

<http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/cmisis/eval/curriculum/learningareas/index.htm>

Internet Gateways

Major portals to information on the WWW.

<http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/cmisis/eval/gateways/index.htm>

Search Tools

A range of tutorials and information about searching methodology and different search engines, plus information about some of the dangers and pitfalls that students may encounter while using the Internet and strategies for avoiding them.

<http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/cmisis/eval/search/index.htm>