

Enhancing education



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enhan**ce**TV is a free, web-based resource which gives teachers access to audio-visual material, articles and study guides that can enhance their lesson plans and stimulate their students. *enhanceTV*

tape from the television? *enhanceTV* solves both of these problems, offering teachers a way to locate a wide range of audio-visual titles covering a broad range of areas, and *enhanceTV* is a project of Screenrights, the copyright is already covered. Screenrights is the organisation that licenses schools and tertiary institutions for the use of audio-visual material in the classroom — this means that whenever a teacher tapes something off television to show in class the copyright on that is already covered by an agreement with Screenrights. Teachers are thus able to find, tape and watch whatever they wish as long as it is for educational purposes.

enhanceTV is the only website of its kind in the world. Available to download are full-colour PDF-format comprehensive study guides on films like *Looking for Alibrandi*, *The Castle* and *Rabbit-Proof Fence*? Looking for a series on dance, Australian history, technology or music? Search the *enhanceTV* website by keyword, category or learning area, browse through the synopses, find what you are looking for and then follow the link supplied to find out how you can get a copy.

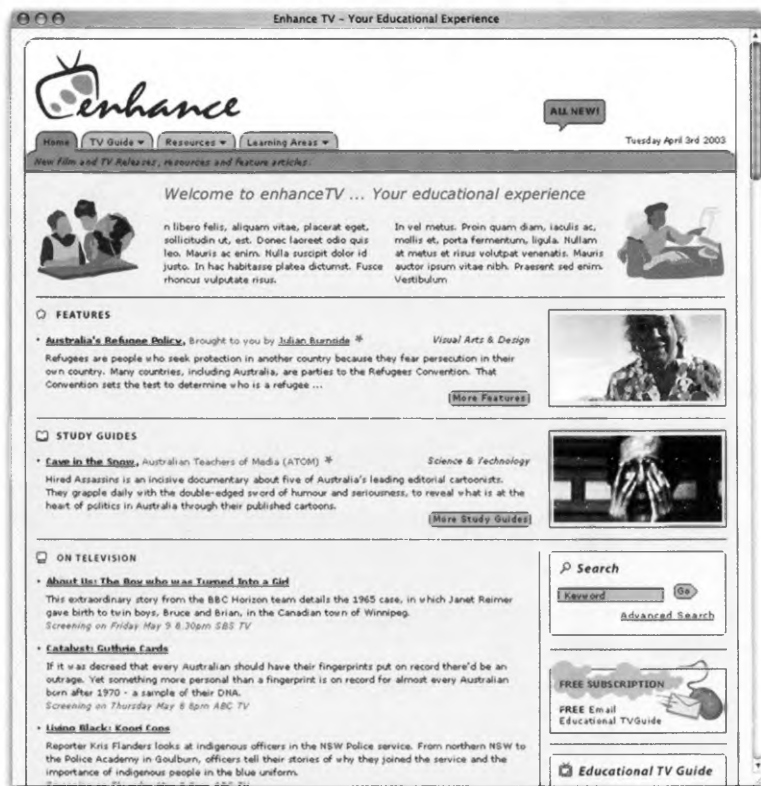
EnhanceTV tells you what has been on television, and what is coming up, with an online weekly educational TV guide and a free subscription e-mail newsletter to inform educators about what is on in their chosen learning area. The free newsletter is perfect for librarians who can receive the entire newsletter and distribute different sections to the educators in those areas. The free newsletter is an easy way to stay

abreast of the latest programs.

In the coming year the *enhanceTV* website is set to expand significantly. It is expanding to include an in-depth homepage for each learning area, with all of the audio-visual material, radio highlights and website links relevant to that area. Educators who are only interested in a particular subject area can go straight to that homepage and see everything of interest to them at a glance. Educators can then bookmark the homepage of interest to them and take a quick look each day to see what is on TV of interest that night. On Friday, they can check to see what new programs, features and study guides have been added to the site.

With the introduction of the new site, educators will be able to look forward to regularly-updated features written across all of the learning areas. These will cover topics like 'Australia's immigration policies since federation' and 'the health damage caused by alcohol abuse'. Each feature will be relevant to the syllabus for that learning area and will include audio-visual material relevant to the topic, as well as websites and classroom discussion questions.

Every week more and more educators are logging on to *enhanceTV*. Most are amazed at the depth of resources available at their fingertips and it is all completely free. Educators are encouraged to go to <http://www.enhanceTV.com.au> to find out more. ■



is easy to use. Educators can simply log-on to the site <http://www.enhanceTV.com.au>, search by keyword, and they will soon be looking at a long list of resources on that topic, along with details of how to obtain these resources.

Aimed largely at educators in primary, secondary and tertiary fields, *enhanceTV* is also useful for students. The *enhanceTV* site is an education tool which lets educators know about educational television programs and films and assists teachers with study guides and feature stories, with ideas on how to use these programs successfully in the classroom.

Television programs and films can be very powerful education tools, but where do you find what you are looking for? And what about problems with copyright when you

Warren Horton memorial

The Director-General and staff of the National Library of Australia are hosting a celebration of Warren Horton's career at 6pm on Friday, 26 March 2004 at the National Library of Australia. If you would like to join us in remembering Warren and his significant contribution to the library profession, please phone 02 6262 1122 or rsvp@nla.gov.au by 23 March.