Collaborative Learning Spaces, Learning Hubs...

Work in progress at the University of Melbourne

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Percy Baxter Collaborative Learning Centre

Opened June 2000

Location:
  First Floor Baillieu Library

• **Services for Academic and Teaching Staff:**
  support technology-enhanced approaches to teaching and learning.

• **Services for Students**
  Provide resources and spaces to:
  collaborate; access to software programs for document and multimedia creation technologies for learning and access to information resources
Percy Baxter: Spaces

- Open space – 60 PCs
- 2 Training Rooms – set up 16 PCs in each room
- 1 Consultation Room
  computer, large table, ergonomic chairs and a whiteboard to facilitate group collaboration
- 2 Disability Liaison Unit rooms - each room has: one computer with the Computers may also have software to assist people with special needs.
Percy Baxter: the nitty gritty—
computer set up

- **Standard computer software setup**
  Microsoft Office Professional Suite (Access, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Word); EndNote; Internet Explorer; Netscape; Adobe Acrobat Reader; Windows Movie Maker; Windows Media Player; Windows Journal Viewer; Virus Scan; WS FTP; QuickTime Player; Real One Player; Zip Central.

- **Training room computer setup**
  The training rooms have the standard setup, plus the Macromedia Suite (Director, Dreamweaver, Fireworks, Flash, Freehand)

- **Additional software**
  Specialised software is installed on some computers. This software includes: SPSS; SAS; Photoshop; Adobe Acrobat Professional; NetOp school; TextBridge; QuickTime Pro; International Financial Statistics; World Development Indicators; Financial Analysis; Vuescan Pro; Nud*ist; Nvivo; SciFinder Scholar; Citrix ICA Client.

- **Software On Demand**
  Software that may be sent to computers on request includes: Macromedia Suite (Director, Dreamweaver, Fireworks, Flash, Freehand); Java MS; Inspiration; Photoshop Elements.
Drivers for change

New Vice Chancellor
- Melbourne Experience
Increase in student numbers
Use of technology in teaching and research
Learner centred pedagogies
Increasing interdisciplinary research training paradigms
Precinct Learning Hubs

• **Learning Hubs** to provide a “socio-pedagogical mapping” designed to enhance research experience of all students.

• **Hubs** to include: collections, information services, information literacy training, subject specialists, multimedia development, learning commons, study facilities for coursework postgraduates, flexible learning centre, selected student services, exhibition space, selected retail space (eg post office) and cafes.