

ONLINE RESOURCES

SURFING THE WEB

A sample of useful websites for homework help and research that can be found on the Department of Education and Training's Teaching and Learning exchange www.TALE.edu.au

A selected history of Australia

From the ABC Archives and Library Services, this site offers information on significant events in Australian history since the opening of the ABC in 1932. Material from the ABC archive presented in a timeline form with video and audio links, this is useful... www.abc.net.au/archives/timeline/history.htm

. A+ math (Aplus math)

This website offers students flashcards, games and worksheets on basic mathematical functions, fractions, currency calculations, and geometric shapes. www.aplusmath.com

ABC education resources: learn online

Entertaining educational material from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation suitable for all age groups from pre-school to tertiary. Resources are categorized by subject and by age group. There are also many professional development resources for... www.abc.net.au/learn

ABC science online

The ABC science unit is a gateway to science links with interactive games, forums and frequently

asked questions. It has a wealth of student material. www.abc.net.au/science

Abcteach

A user-friendly educational site that provides printable materials and worksheets for immediate use by teachers and parents. www.abcteach.com

Abiator's interactive English activities

A number of language skills-based activities. Scrambled sentences, word play, cloze exercises. www.berghuis.co.nz/abiator/lang/interlangindex.html

Aboriginal Australia map

This map of Aboriginal Australia from AIATSIS shows the tribal language groups and regions. It is possible to zoom in and look more closely at selected areas. www.aiatsis.gov.au/aboriginal_studies_press/aboriginal_wall_map/map_page

Aboriginal studies

This HSC Online site for students and teachers of the Stage 6 Aboriginal Studies course includes revision questions, information on syllabus outcomes, activities and resources. Topics covered include: social justice and human rights issues. www.hsc.csu.edu.au/ab_studies

About: education. Geography

Presenting information on a wide range of topics, this large site has much to interest the persistent geographer. Teachers will find it

a very interesting resource, while students may need some direction in their site research. The Search option clearly... geography.about.com

Abroad languages: in-country language schools

This site offers courses to learn English as a second language, Spanish, French, German, Italian, Russian, Japanese, Chinese, Arabic or Portuguese. It also has links to many language resources, including games, translation services, penpals, and photo... www.abroadlanguages.com

Absolute Shakespeare

A study resource for Shakespeare's plays, sonnets and other poems. Includes plot summaries, essays, character analyses, quotes, biography, and information about the Globe Theatre. absoluteshakespeare.com/index.htm

ActNow

ActNow makes complex social issues simple, provides practical advice and opportunities to take action. It gives young people a space to share their own story and the actions they are undertaking. www.actnow.com.au

Alive maths

A series of related activities that require spatial and numerical strategies. Activities are pedagogically well-designed and appealing to students. tapor1.mcmaster.ca/~sgs/cgi-bin/Maths/maths.cgi

Ancient history

This HSC Online site for students

and teachers of the Stage 6 Ancient history course includes revision questions, information on syllabus outcomes, activities and resources. Topics covered include: Ancient societies; personalities in their times; and... www.hsc.csu.edu.au/ancient_history

Ask for Kids

Ask for Kids (formerly known as Ask Jeeves for Kids) is a fast, easy and kid-friendly way for kids to search online. Designed to be a fun destination site focused on learning and "edu-tainment," Ask for Kids uses natural-language technology that allows... www.askforkids.com/?o=0&qtsrc=121

Ask now: for school students

A part of the Ask Now site that offers a collection of links especially chosen to help students with their homework and assignments. www.asknow.gov.au/schoolstudents.html

Behind the news

A fun weekly current affairs programme on ABC TV for upper primary and secondary students. www.abc.net.au/tv/btn

Children's Book Council of Australia

This web site is produced by the Children's Book Council of Australia. The Council aims to foster children's enjoyment of books. The site provides information on authors and illustrators and the Children's Book of the Year Awards. There are plenty of ideas... www.cbc.org.au

Dr. Karl

This website celebrates all sides of science; from sublime moments of deep thought to the most arcane and bizarre research imaginable.

Dr. Karl Kruszelnicki communicates fascinating applications of science in a colourful site within the ABC. www.abc.net.au/science/k2

Drawing now

Learn how to draw with step by step drawing tutorials. Includes Manga art, cartoons and 3D drawing. www.drawingnow.com/index.html

History of the Australian nation

A journey through the history of Australia based around materials held in the collections of the State Library of NSW. View online many rare artefacts dating from 1788 to 1901 and read Governor Macquarie's journal. Follow the early explorers and view... www.atmitchell.com/journeys/history

History world

An encyclopaedia of world history based on a database covering 400 interconnecting narratives and 6000 selected events. This site also includes interactive tours, timelines and quizzes. www.historyworld.net/default.asp

iLoveLanguages: your guide to languages on the web

iLoveLanguages is a comprehensive catalog of language-related internet resources. Whether you're looking for online language lessons, translating dictionaries, native literature, translation services, software, language schools, or

just a little information... www.ilovelanguages.com

Maths games for young kids

This website from Kaboose contains printable and interactive online maths activities for young students aged between 3 - 6 years. resources.kaboose.com/games/math1.html?trnstl=1

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is important in helping develop a love of books and at the same time improving literacy. A cross-sectoral strategy managed by the NSW Dept. of Education and Training. The challenge for 2006 is for students from K to year 9. www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/index.htm

Sample Opportunity Class Placement Tests

This page assists applicants for Year 5 entry to opportunity classes to become more familiar with the Opportunity Class Placement Test and provides test samples. www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/oc_sampletest.php

Sample Selective High Schools tests

This page assists applicants for Year 7 entry to selective high schools to become more familiar with the Selective High Schools Test and provides test samples. www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/ss_sampletest.php

Science news for kids

This web site offers science news for children aged 9 to 14. News items of interest to kids are accompanied by suggestions for hands-on activities, books, articles, web resources, and other useful materials. www.sciencenewsforkids.org

SpeechTips.com

Your free guide to speech writing and public speaking for eulogies, graduations, best man, father of the bride and any other public speaking engagement. www.speechtips.com/index.html
Speedmath deluxe

This game can be played individually or students can challenge their classmates to create equations using four digits, remembering order of operations. education.jlab.org/smdeluxe/index.html

Spelling it right: learn to spell confidently

Spelling it Right comprises seventy pages of advice and free worksheets on spelling and is used by many parents, students and teachers throughout the world. www.spelling.hemscott.net

Teenreads.com

Teenreads.com offers teenage readers information and features about their favourite authors, books, series and characters. Includes book reviews, features, author profiles and interviews, excerpts of new releases, literary games and contests. www.teenreads.com

The yuckiest site on the internet

Science education in an entertaining format from Discovery Communications Inc. yucky.kids.discovery.com

W3Schools online web tutorials

A step-by-step guide to Web building using a variety of essential tools including HTML, XML and JavaScript. There is a comprehensive reference list and numerous examples, quizzes. www.w3schools.com

Note: Websites are selected for inclusion in Homework help where they met these criteria:

- have specific relevance to NSW school curriculum
- cater for independent learning
- are published by NSW Government, Australian Government or other authoritative sources
- have been evaluated and/or recommended by NSW DET and TAFE staff
- are available for use without charge and free of other commercial impositions
- use readily available technology formats.

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