

Doxa Youth Foundation

Engaging Students Wiki



Description: The Engaging Students Wiki is a resource for everyone interested or involved in education for young people who are at risk of disengaging from school or leaving school early including teachers, students, parents and community workers.

Purpose: To create an online resource that provides a database of alternative education settings and programs Australia wide with program, access and contact information. Schools, teachers, parents, young people and community workers will also find information and links which will be of assistance in keeping young people engaged in education for as long as possible.

Principles:

- The Engaging Students Wiki is free and open to the public to search and view information.
- The value of the Wiki lies in its collaborative nature, and all Engaging Students Wiki Members and invited colleagues are welcome to participate by editing existing - and creating new - content.
- The content of the Engaging Students Wiki is managed by the Engaging Students Wiki administrators, according to its role as a knowledge repository.
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 - The information is used for non-commercial purposes only.
- The Engaging Students Wiki is a work-in-progress – we will be updating entries and adding more resources as time goes on. Some of the pages on it are currently “under construction”, and we look forward to Members helping us to build this knowledge base.
- All suggestions for content are most gratefully received – engagingwiki@doxa.org.au

Searching

The Wiki search results look and work differently from Google search results. Hitting 'Enter' is different from clicking on 'Search'.

- If you know the **exact title** of the resource you are after, type it in the search box and hit 'Go' or press 'Enter' on your keyboard.
- If you **don't have an exact title**, enter one or two keywords and hit 'Search' and it will return a list of results.

Browsing

There are 5 core categories of resources:

- **Alternative Settings and Programs** – a database of alternative education programs and settings. You can browse either by 'educational issue' or by 'state and region'.
- **Teachers and Education Professionals** – tips/strategies for schools and teachers, PD opportunities; research; links to national education bodies; stories
- **Family and Community** – information; support; stories
- **Students** – information; support; stories
- **Research** – available for download and links to online research.

Editing

Only Engaging Students Wiki Members (as well as some invited researchers and international colleagues) can edit.

To edit a page:

When you go to a page you will see a number of tabs across the top – one of which is the 'edit' tab. To edit text on the page simply click on 'edit'.

The page will refresh with an 'edit pane' in which you will see the text of the page and the simple formatting required by Wikimedia.

Scroll to the section you wish to edit and click to place the cursor to where you would like to begin typing. After you have finished click on the 'show preview' tab at the bottom of the page to view your changes. If you are happy with what you have edited, scroll down and click on 'save'. Your edits will then be saved and the resulting page will load.

Some simple wiki formatting tips:

- To make text bold add (") at the beginning and end of text e.g. "**bold text**" will give bold text
- To enter text as a dot point add (*) immediately before the text at the beginning of the line
- To enter text as a numbered list add (#) immediately before the text at the beginning of the line
- To make a section heading add (===) at the beginning and end of the text e.g. ===Contact Information===
- To hyperlink add [http://thewebsiteaddresshere followed by a space and the text you want to appear e.g.: [http://www.google.com.au Google Australia] will give [Google Australia](http://www.google.com.au)
- To add an email link add [mailto:emailaddresshere followed by a space and then the name you want to appear e.g. [mailto:engagingwiki@doxa.org.au Wiki Administrator] will give [Wiki Administrator](mailto:engagingwiki@doxa.org.au)

The Wiki community encourages users to **be bold when updating pages**. Wikis develop faster when everybody helps to fix problems, correct grammar, add facts, make sure wording is accurate, etc.

To use the words of Edmund Spenser, "*Be bold, be bold, and everywhere be bold,*" but "*Be not too bold.*"

Sourced: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Be_bold