



The Teaching-Research Nexus

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Examples from Australian universities

Community Outreach: Research Project to Produce a DVD

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Broad discipline area:

Arts and Humanities

- Media Studies: Screen Production

Year level:

- Second and third year undergraduate

TRN strategy:

- Building a small-scale research activity into undergraduate assignments
- Designing learning activities around 'real world' research applications

Teaching and learning context:

- Real world learning
- Assessment item

Brief description of the initiative:

Students in *Advanced Screen Production* taken in either the second or third year of the Bachelor of Media or the Bachelor of Arts (media major) with typical enrolment numbers of 30, undertake research projects involving working for a community group on a community event in accordance with a supplied brief, to produce a DVD. As part of the project, students undertake research into the topic area, the interviewees, the location, equipment and context.

As well as submitting the DVD for assessment, students are required to provide regular progress reports, to document the rationale for their project and discuss the process they went through to develop the DVD.

Students in the third year BA/BMedia research unit *Arts Project* also undertake a similar research-based, applied DVD production.

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