

## **#244 Bringing digital literacies to students without internet access**

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### **Description**

Incarcerated students in most jurisdictions are prohibited from accessing the internet. This discussion will focus around the learnings from a number of projects from the University of Southern Queensland which have been introducing educational technologies into correctional centres for the delivery of USQ programs and courses. These projects include the OLT-funded From Access to Success project and a number of HEPPP-funded projects including the Triple 'E' project (eLearning, eReaders and Empowerment), Paper to Pixels and the \$4.3 million Making the Connection project. Making the Connection will see the deployment of USQ's Learning Management System and tablet computers deployed into 13 correctional centres across Australia.

This discussion will also report on the findings of research with other Australian universities around the provision of eLearning for incarcerated students and with correctional centre educational officers in regards of their capacity to assist educators. This discussion will give those educators dealing with incarcerated students some ideas and strategies for using technologies with incarcerated students, and some insights into the motivations and compounding issues when dealing with students in correctional centres.

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