Give Them a Voice

Improving Library Research Workshops through Partnership with the Deakin Law Students’ Society

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Where Are We?

- Cloud Campus
- Burwood
- Waurn Ponds
- Warrnambool
- Deakin Law Students' Society
- Deakin Law Students' Society Geelong
- Waterfront
What did the students want?

- Real life examples, authentic learning and practice
- Materials they could continually refer back to
- Simple, memorable lessons on key concepts
- Ability to ask questions and control/adapt focus
Benefits of Partnership

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- Timing and content
- Identify skills gaps
- Feedback re: access
- Promotional reach
- Soft skills
Hi Sam, I’m still at the Supreme Court. The High Court handed down the Trkulja v Google Inc judgment this morning. What was the verdict? ASAP. Gus
Activity Example 1

DETAILS

1. High Court case delivered the judgment on 13 June 2018.
2. Gus doesn’t want the full case, just details about the outcome.

_Trkulja v Google Inc_ [2018] HCA 25

**Summary:**

**Judgment:**

Dear Gus,

The High Court unanimously allowed the appeal from the Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Victoria.

If you need more details, here are links to the _Summary_ and the _Judgment._

Regards,

Sam
Activity Example 2
But experiential learning includes the means for connections, where students 'learn through their interaction and participation with one another in fluid relationships'.

....classic examples of experiential learning environments include clinics, internships, and externships.

...legal education should not merely deliver knowledge, but rather should be designed to provide opportunities for socialization and practiced learning.
Work integrated learning occurs at various levels across a range of tasks that are **authentic** (the task resembles those required in professional life) or **proximal** (the setting resembles professional contexts).

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**Figure 1: Levels of Work-integrated Learning according to Degrees of Authenticity and Proximity**
Industry Collaborations

Real life is hard.
Challenges and Learning

Listen I Can't Hear You Gif By NBC .(7 February 2018). Retrieved from https://giphy.com/gifs/nbc-ellen-listening-l4pT6w42S93xNKz2U
“gave me the edge”

“knowledge gained of great use for legal work experience”

“easier to complete research assignments now”

“incredibly helpful”

“interactive workshop helped me to remember the skills”
Questions?

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