

Outline

VidFest is a simple and comprehensive set of teaching resources and a purpose built website. These resources allows educators and students to produce quality films with accessible technologies and then create, personalise and promote an online **Vidfest** in their school community.

The **Vidfest Kit** :

- is Free, comprehensive and available online
- includes workshops that scaffold all necessary skills for both students and teachers to make films, and create and promote festivals
- includes downloadable content for workshops
- is built around low cost, open-source and ubiquitous technologies

VidFests are hosted on a purpose built site within syn.org.au, a youth community media space with links to SYN radio, SYN TV and media learning resources.

Interaction between students and their audience on the site will be moderated by SYN to ensure discussion is of an appropriate nature.

Key Outcomes

- **Increases critical literacy in the deconstruction & production of moving images for both educators and students**
- **Connects schools with SYN community of practice /students' families/ community/other schools**
- **Provides students with an engaging way to communicate and discuss ideas using web 2.0 technologies**

Where this program fits in schools

VidFest can be used:

- within disciplines, across disciplines or within an integrated setting
- to deliver and assess existing units of work
- as a stand alone unit on digital literacy and production

VidFest can be used as a tool within any discipline area or can provide rich material within English, Media Studies, Literacy and Communication.

Educator chooses project purpose & partners

Method of use in school (single subject/ across disciplines/ single issue)

Educator PD for project

Self-guided workshop *or* PD at SYN

Educator runs Workshops 1 2 3

1

Storytelling

2

Film Techniques

3

Good footage

Educator runs Workshop 4

**Students
edit films**

Students

- Personalise festival page
- Decide on awards/assessment
- Chose method of invite
- Create invite

Educator registers with SYN to set up own VidFest page

Teacher runs Workshop 5

**Students finish editing films and upload them
Students send invite emails**

**Invitees, Parents, Teachers and Students watch, rate and
comment on videos (all comments moderated by SYN)**