

Statement on the Use of Technologies to Support Learning and Teaching at La Trobe University

La Trobe University is committed to high quality student learning. This requires an understanding of the learning needs of our students, approaches to teaching which recognise the diversity of our students and courses, and a commitment to ensuring that all students have access to well designed, learner-focussed resources and experiences.

La Trobe values the on-campus experience for students and will continue to provide and further develop lively and intellectually vibrant campuses. Learning technologies can contribute to the creation of a dynamic teaching and learning environment, supporting interaction among distributed communities and increasing student access to resources, experiences and expertise. In this context, learning technologies will be used to enhance student opportunities and provide flexibility and learner choice. We therefore emphasise blended approaches that combine face-to-face and technology supported learning.

Our use of technologies will address the challenges and opportunities offered by multi-campus operation, and will support student and staff interaction. The University will identify preferred learning technologies which will be supported through staff development and training and appropriately resourced technical support. All learning technologies will be selected on the basis of their capacity to support effective teaching and student learning, and their adoption and use will be guided by our commitment to student learning.

La Trobe University will use learning technologies to:

- enhance the nature and scope of learning experiences;
- provide increased flexibility for staff and students;
- increase access to resources that support learning;
- support collaboration and communication between staff and students, and among students;
- meet student expectations about the appropriate uses of technologies to support learning and engagement;
- assist students in learning how to use technologies effectively; and
- create learning experiences that would otherwise be difficult to provide.

The appropriate use of learning technologies will support distributed learning, utilising different technologies for different content, learners and learning experiences.