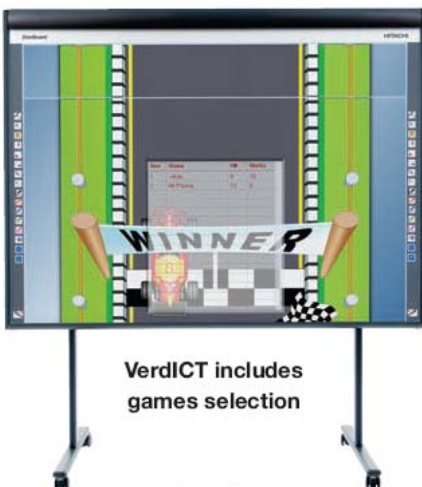


Aussie kids get the right to vote with Hitachi

VerdICT Plus provides a structured and responsive approach to personalised learning

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA – June 5, 2009 – Hitachi has today announced the release of its interactive response system VerdICT Plus. VerdICT Plus adds an extra dimension to lessons and increases enthusiasm in an active learning environment.

VerdICT Plus gives students instant feedback for a wide variety of activities including multiple-choice questions, class surveys, end-of-lesson or course reviews, voting quizzes and tests. Students cast their votes using the radio frequency wireless handsets and the software instantly marks and analyses the answers.



Teachers can adjust content according to the specific needs of the class or individual, thus taking a structured and responsive approach to personalised learning. They can also choose to make answers anonymous, or to enable students to see how well they are doing in response to others. Pre-customised questions can be used, or new ones created during a session. Answers can then be transferred, collected and analysed for further reference.

James Burke, StarBoard Products Specialist, Digital Presentations Solutions Division said "The classroom of the future is here thanks to technology that puts students at the centre of the learning process. Hitachi's VerdICT Plus system creates a more engaging environment for students and allows teachers to gauge the class's response to the content that is being taught. The classroom has never been a more exciting place for both teachers and students and we are thrilled to have technology that enables this."

VerdICT Plus highlights

- Displays different types of questions:
 - True/false
 - Alpha/Numeric
 - Yes/No

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- Powerpoint integration
- Sim card option available
- Games selection to show results and student performance includes 1500 curriculum questions
- All data is captured and can be used for assessment purposes
- Vista compatible, full testing feature can run with any laptop, projector or pc
- Multiple base frequency allows extended range without interference from nearby systems
- Reports can be displayed as a chart, pie chart or bar chart
- Teacher control by designated remote or interactive on screen menu

Notes to editors:

About Hitachi

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