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Stu's EduWeb has now been available to government schools in New South Wales for over two years. In that time, over 600 schools have downloaded the EduWeb Student-Centred Intranet solution and discovered a resource that has the potential to completely revolutionise the way ICT is used in teaching and learning.

Every school recognises that a school intranet would be a valuable resource to have. Many schools already have vast networks and large numbers of computers, but how effectively are they really being used? PCs that end up being little more than babysitters or rewards for students who finish their "paper" work early, are being wasted and are not helping at all.

Imagine if all your students each had their own web site on your school intranet:

- Their work would suddenly gain an audience the whole school!
- They could integrate all the technologies they use at school into their website!
- Word Processing, Excel, PowerPoint slideshows, Photos, Hyperstudio, Videos, Animations, Voice dubs, Drawings and Paintings!
- Their website content relates to their work in class!
- They increase their website design skills - very valuable today!
- Digital Portfolios on CD become a reality!

Now imagine if you could build your entire School Intranet using EduWeb. With **Stu's EduWeb 2004**, now you can!

The screen shot on the front page is just the first of many thousands of pages that **Stu's EduWeb 2004** will automatically create for you.

How can we use the intranet more with our students? How do you integrate the intranet into the curriculum? How can we educate with our intranet? The answers to these questions lie within a **Student-Centred Intranet**.

This is an intranet that's based on student content, where all students publish their own work.

With **Stu's EduWeb 2004**, that's the "Student Pages" section. Let's take a look...





You get to choose which grades are to have their own website structures on your new school intranet. It could be as few as one grade only or as many as your entire school! What's more, it all happens in front of you in just a few minutes.

The grades are broken down into classes that are based on roll class groupings. All of this information is automatically extracted by Stu's EduWeb from your school's OASIS Administration system.

It couldn't be easier.

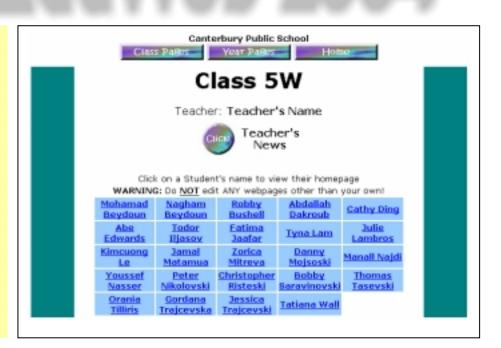
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A structured folder arrangement is automatically created with index pages that allow you to drill down through grade and class through to each individual student and each of their individual project pages.

What's more, with **Stu's EduWeb**, you can create a new intranet structure for each year while maintaining the previous years' intranets!

There are also special Teacher pages so teachers can give their students work tasks or instructions.

Interesting so far?



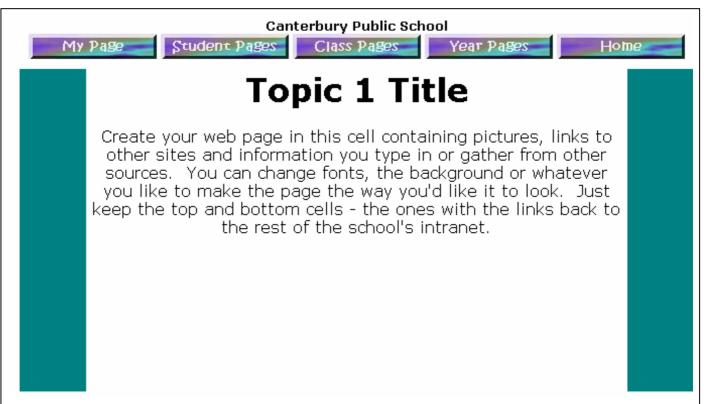


When students discover the webpage medium, they will also discover the enormous advantages this medium offers including the extended life of their work.

Instead of a five-page project that is seen only by their teacher and maybe their parents, which then gets left in some drawer somewhere, their work suddenly gains extended life - and an audience.

The fact that multiple people can view their work will build the desire in the student to produce both higher quality content and presentation - and a project need never be complete. It can always be added to and updated as new information is found.

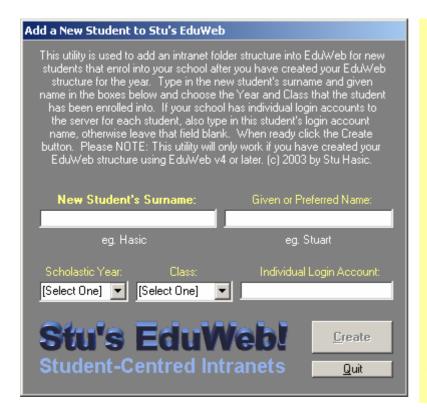
...twelve ICT-based work projects in one place.



Other advantages include increased information skills, development of website design skills, a sense of ownership and trust, sharing of ideas and skills among students and importantly, the integration of various technologies. Websites allow students to link all of their other technology applications they use such as digital photos and scanning, word processing, PowerPoint, HyperStudio, video, sound, animation and internet links all into the one easy to navigate medium.

There is no other medium available today that will allow all of this. The browser is becoming the ubiquitous interface. Everybody who knows how to navigate the Internet will be able to navigate the school's Intranet – and give your students' work the audience it deserves.

Add-On Utilities Included with Stu's EduWeb 2004



Stu's EduWeb 2004 includes a utility for Windows for adding new students into an existing EduWeb school intranet structure. When the EduWeb structure is first created, it is based on the students available from your school's OASIS system at the time of creation.

Therefore, new students that enrol at your school will not have an EduWeb folder structure. But this utility will allow you to easily build one for them. Just fill in the form.

- Type their surname
- Type their preferred name
- Select their Grade
- Select their Class
- Specify their individual logon account name (if they have one)

When done, the student will have a folder structure with 12 new Topic pages ready for use.

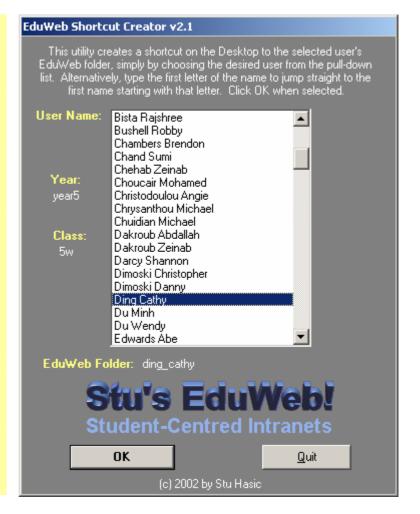
Another utility for Windows PCs is the **EduWeb Shortcut Creator**.

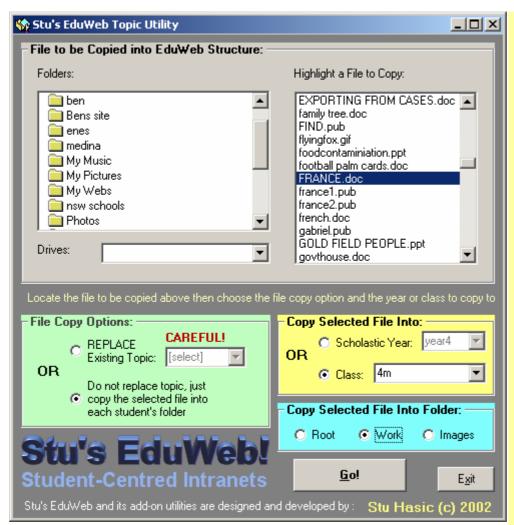
Running this program will display a list *(in alphabetical order)* of all the students in your school that have an EduWeb folder.

Students find their own name then click OK (or simply double-click their name). A Shortcut will appear on the desktop called "My Work". Double-clicking the "My Work" shortcut on the desktop will quickly open the selected user's EduWeb folder, making it easy for students to find their work.

The biggest benefit of having this shortcut is when students use Word, FrontPage, Excel, Publisher or any other program that allows you to save in a selected folder. When the user wants to save their Word document, and the normal "Save" folder is shown as "My Documents", it is a simple matter to change the folder to "Desktop" and then select the "My Work" shortcut to immediately open the user's EduWeb folder.

By having all students' work saved in their EduWeb folder, creating their EduWeb content is made much simpler.



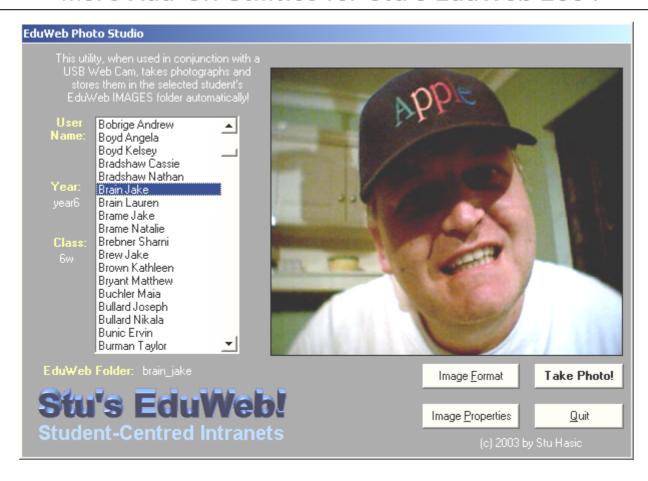


The EduWeb Topics Utility (for Windows) extends the power of EduWeb by allowing teachers to create their own customised templates to replace standard EduWeb topic pages for students to work They can then easily replicate that template each in student's webspace for either a whole class or a whole grade.

This utility can also be used to place additional support files such as Word docs or PPT slideshows into each student's space quickly and easily.

Many predefined templates for EduWeb developed by teachers and made available for free download from the St George District website. This site is also being extended.

More Add-On Utilities for Stu's EduWeb 2004



The **EduWeb Photo Studio** is a utility built for EduWeb which allows students and teachers to very quickly take photos and save *them automatically to each student's EduWeb Images folder*. This makes the task of taking photos of students for their EduWeb pages unbelievably simple. With the **EduWeb Photo Studio**, it is possible to take photos and save them in each student's EduWeb Images folder at the rate of two students per minute. **EASY!** Not only can students take photos of themselves with this utility, they can take photos of their physical work, drawings, paintings, dioramas and crafts and use them in their EduWeb pages.

In order to use the **EduWeb Photo Studio**, a computer camera is required. Virtually any USB WebCam will work. Recommended WebCams include the Logitech Express WebCam (approx \$85) and the Swann VersaCam Mini (approx \$70). Both of these colour WebCams offer up to 640x480 (VGA) resolution, making them useful for other applications within the school as well as the **EduWeb Photo Studio**. This utility is downloaded separately from the EduWeb website.

Some Feedback from Schools that use Stu's EduWeb

The use of technology to enhance student learning has long been a priority at Leura Public School. During 2002, 60 students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 were involved in a project which aimed to produce a web-based digital portfolio.

The trial of digital portfolios has proven to be an exciting development in our curriculum not only allowing accomplishments to be demonstrated but also enabling students to take increased responsibility for the work they have done. **EduWeb** was used as the framework for the digital portfolios which are stored on the school's Intranet and are linked to the KidMap assessment and reporting database.

Student work is publicly displayed within the school promoting ownership and enabling staff to readily utilise portfolios for assessment purposes. The project was evaluated by formally consulting all stakeholders. Feedback has overwhelmingly indicated that the project is worthwhile and should be continued and expanded in 2003.

The project, while providing a means to enhance and develop technology skills in students, has also been shown to improve students' confidence, the quality of their work and their engagement with learning tasks.

- Leura Public School (Apple users)

This is the second year we've been using **EduWeb** as our student-centred intranet. It's fantastic. We've added and added to it to meet our school needs, yet have maintained the core element of a place for students to publish.

This year all work done by Year 5 & 6 is published on the intranet, and not printed. We've gone with the option to create individual folders for all students and they use these as their storage area for all work saved. These folders are accessed through the "My Work" shortcut.

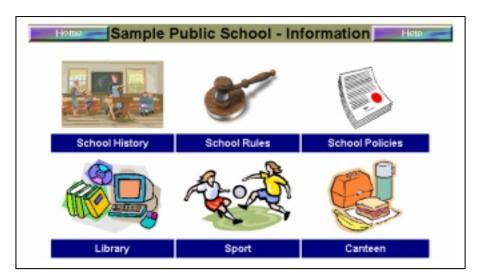
Published work has taken the form of slide shows, Word documents and FrontPage pages. The students from year 2 up have been using the intranet and finding great delight in publishing their work in this way.

Unfortunately our school is not classroom networked so only what's done with me in the computer lab (1 hour a week) is included. Wait till we're networked!!! The staff have embraced its use and I've created home pages for all staff, many with linked pages. These are accessed mainly through a staff photo and hot spots for the links.

- Kings Park Public School (MS Windows users)

Thank you for a fantastic product. We began using EduWeb last year and unfortunately I couldn't make it to your seminar, but I have seen the results of Producer and am impressed. We have just purchased a digital video camera with our year 6 fundraisers and I am looking forward to trying out new ideas in 2003. Our Year 6 published their Yearbook on EduWeb for the first time this year and the results were spectacular. Thank you again for making web publishing so easy. Even our kindergarten have used the web pages with help from their year 6 peers. Keep up the good work and I hope you are rewarded for all your hard effort in making IT more accessible to us baby boomer teachers. - Hilltop Road Primary School

Stu's EduWeb 2004 – The whole school intranet



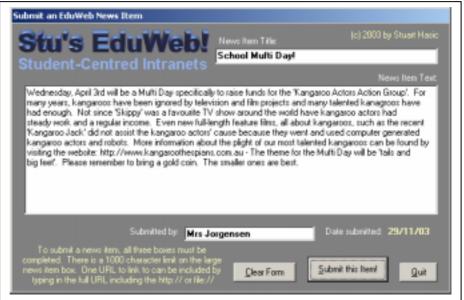
EduWeb 2004 delivers much more than the Student-Centred Intranet, which is still a major part of the solution.

The <u>School Info</u> link from the EduWeb homepage opens the page at the left. Each link opens more pages containing templates to help you get started. The <u>Canteen</u> page has a sample pricelist which can easily be edited. The <u>Policies</u> page has links to your policy documents, the <u>Rules</u> page has sample school rules.

From the **EduWeb** home page, clicking *News* will open a powerful, but simple Windows applet to allow any person, staff or student, anywhere on the LAN, to submit a news item for approval and publication on the News page.

This applet has the potential of revolutionising communications across the school. Anyone can be a school reporter!

All items are easily approved or rejected by any staff member and the News Page is created instantly!





The News Page shown at the left is automatically built by a News Approval All applet. items are published in order from newest to oldest. Items can updated deleted easily and even the IP address of the PC where each news item was submitted from is recorded.

It's also possible to include links to external or internal websites in any news item. The News applet is also used for the Staff Bulletin.

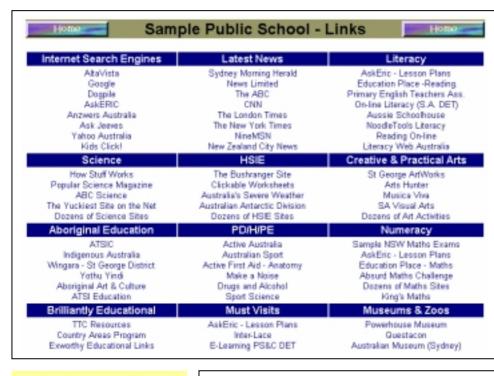
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Almost every computer-based calendar around, uses a month-by-month system. The Calendar in **EduWeb 2004** is based on school terms, and there's even a Windows applet to create each term's intranet page automatically.

Editing the Calendar is simple – just use FrontPage or Netscape Composer and add your entries – even link to relating documents!

There's a separate Staff Calendar in the **Staff Pages** section based on the same applet.

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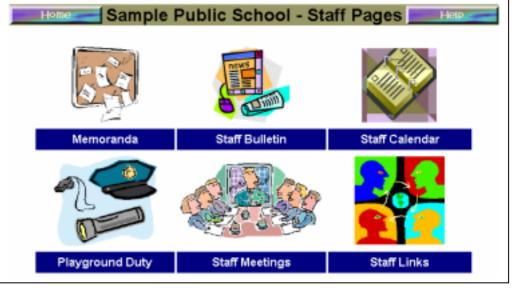
With so many millions of sites on the Internet, wouldn't it be good to have an easy to access page full of links to useful and relevant sites?

Well that's exactly what the <u>Links</u> page in **Stu's EduWeb 2004** is all about. There are over 100 quality links covering various KLAs as well as search engines, news pages and so on. Add your own links!

There's a separate <u>Staff Links</u> page in the **Staff Pages** area of **EduWeb** with additional links to teacher resources, support sites and more!

The Staff Pages area of Stu's EduWeb 2004 is accessible only by staff and contains several useful pages, including <u>Duty</u> rosters, Memoranda, a Staff Bulletin that uses the same applet as the School News and a separate Calendar for Staff only events.

Every page in EduWeb can be edited and added to and new pages containing other items can be included.



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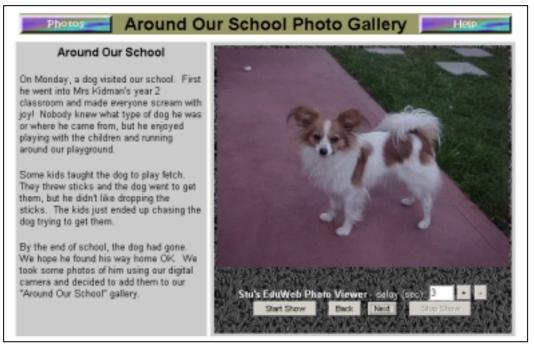


The Photo Galleries in Stu's EduWeb 2004 are designed around a simple concept. Make them easy to setup, make them diverse and make them brief. There are only 10 photos in each gallery, limited specifically to make students and staff carefully choose which photos will be included.

By limiting the number of photos, it also promotes the regular changing or updating of the galleries. This is the theory behind all areas of EduWeb: "A dynamic school intranet is an effective school intranet". Stu's EduWeb is developed to promote change.

Each one of the Photo Galleries includes a description area that students or staff can edit to highlight what the photos are all about, when they were taken and who took them. Just drop your JPEGs into the desired gallery.

The photo viewer allows users to manually advance through the photos or set a delay period in seconds and have the photos cycle one after the other continuously.



Stu's EduWeb 2004 System Requirements

Stu's EduWeb 2004 is a Windows application, so it needs Windows 95/98/NT/ME/2000 or XP to run. But the EduWeb (*intranet*) it creates is platform independent. The created EduWeb can be stored on a standalone PC or Apple iMac, on a Novell Netware, Windows NT/2000/2003, Linux or Apple OSX or AppleShare server running from a simple folder structure, or on a professional webserver like Apache, IntraNetware or IIS using HTTP. **Note** that while the intranet structure can be fed from one of these webserver (*HTTP*) systems, editing and updating the individual intranet pages is not so simple. For this reason, storing your **EduWeb** on a **FILE** Server is always recommended. This way, all webpages can be directly and easily edited. It is important to understand that different access privileges (*rights*) will need to be assigned to different parts of EduWeb, to maintain security. These rights will need to be set by the Network Administrator.

As the pages created by EduWeb are simple HTML pages, any webpage editing tool can be used such as FrontPage, DreamWeaver or Netscape Composer. *Visit the website for much more!*