

The INSPIRE Centre

Visual, active and augmented learning with Epson MeetingMate™



Epson MeetingMate interactive projector technology – the natural partner for excellence and enterprise in learning at the national INSPIRE Centre

The INSPIRE Centre in the Faculty of Education, Science, Technology and Mathematics (ESTeM) at the University of Canberra is a leader in new generation teaching and learning approaches.

With a clear vision of doing new things in new ways, not old thinking with new technologies, the INSPIRE Centre – opened in May 2012 – works with the ACT Government's Education and Training Directorate and the wider University to develop quality teaching and learning practice across the school and higher education sectors.

Professor Robert Fitzgerald, Director of the INSPIRE Centre and Associate Dean Education Innovation (ESTeM) said Epson's MeetingMate interactive projectors are integral in the centre's

aims to deliver teaching and learning strategies for education leaders by exploring models of contemporary practice and setting new standards for the design of teaching and learning services.

The Centre recently installed four Epson MeetingMate® interactive projectors around the four walls of the TEAL (Technology Enhanced Active Learning) room to provide lecturers and students with the experience of learning and collaborating in a technology rich and fully connected environment.

And in a significant project being run by the Centre, the split screen and remote collaboration features of the MeetingMate are being explored to help teach farming and land management techniques in Pakistani villages.

"The Centre enables talented educators across a range of faculties to develop digitally rich and diverse environments that blend professionals' technical skills, curriculum knowledge

and pedagogical beliefs into a rich framework of strategies and practice that result in stimulating, engaging and challenging learning experiences for students,” Professor Fitzgerald said.

“The installation of the four MeetingMate projectors in the TEAL room projecting onto walls with Ideapaint is a great fit with the model we are creating and enables students and lecturers to really embrace the concept of visual, active and augmented learning.

“The technology in Epson’s interactive projectors also enables us to share learning designs and ideas with practitioners locally, nationally and internationally in a range of digital formats designed to be easy to use, modify and share.

“We are always looking for the latest interactive teaching tools which directly support our approach and help develop new learning environments.”

The University of Canberra has just received \$26 million in federal funding to establish a new Centre for Quality Teaching and Learning that will improve national teaching and learning standards and deliver professional teaching skills and applied research to support the introduction of the Government’s National Plan for School Improvement reforms.

Bruce Bealby, Epson Australia’s Business Unit Manager for Visual Imaging said Epson is the global market leader in projector technology with a range of models with features specially designed for education such as wall-mounts for normal classroom use or an optional table mount to create an interactive table top workspace for collaborative activities by a smaller group of students.

“The Epson MeetingMate can replace copyboards, conventional whiteboards and old fashioned flip charts and incorporates easy-to-use functions that facilitate “instant classes” without the need for a PC. The bonus for students and teachers is all content including notes and annotations can be saved, printed and emailed after the class, or sent to the campus network drive for later use,” said Bruce.

For more information about the range of interactive projectors available from Epson Australia or to find a reseller in your state, you can telephone **Epson Australia on 1300-361-054** or visit **www.epson.com.au/meetingmate**



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