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Dear Prospective Presenter,

## SchoolTech 2010 Call for Presenters

The SchoolTech Conference for IT leaders and technical staff will again run concurrently with the ELH Conference. Now in its 6<sup>th</sup> year, and building on the success of the conference within the IT community we are pleased to announce we will be making a call for presenters to participate in the SchoolTech conference program.

A conference of this quality cannot be achieved without the valuable support and involvement of presenters. Last year we received an overwhelming response to our ELH call out for presenters and this year we are pleased to open up this opportunity to our SchoolTech counterparts.

The SchoolTech 2010 Conference will be held at the Mantra Erskine Beach Resort, **Lorne, Victoria** from **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August until Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2010.**

We are calling for submissions within the one hour Featured Presentations and Management Insight Sessions that will run throughout the program. The sessions will be jointly hosted by an industry expert as well as a school who will support the discussion with a case study highlighting the schools experiences.

As in previous years, the SchoolTech conference for IT leaders and technical staff will run concurrently with ELH. This enables collaboration between the Curriculum and Technical streams during keynotes and other joint activities, and also provides an opportunity for networking in a relaxed and informal setting, away from the school environment.

It is the belief of Computelec that increasing the synergy and conversation between technical staff and teachers within schools will ultimately lead to better outcomes for students.

We encourage you to pass this proposal onto your colleagues and staff who you believe have something valuable to contribute to this year's conference.

We look forward to receiving your submissions.



## **Conference Theme: “What is now possible?”**

Once a vision, but now a reality, technology-rich learning has suddenly become mainstream in Australian schools.

With more than a million students in Australian schools having their own laptops by the end of next year, there will be new accountabilities that are associated with scale of this order. Firstly, we can expect closer media scrutiny around the classroom experience of students in 1-to-1 schools, and with that a responsibility for all schools to engage both their immediate and their wider communities in informed dialogue and conversations that help set appropriate and realistic expectations. Secondly such scale brings with it the possibility of tackling the “elephant in the room”, assessment. It will no longer be realistic to see students reverting to an old medium to best express their competence, but exactly what the implications of this are, and how we might influence that are still to be addressed.

Finally and probably most importantly, we must ‘unchain our thinking’, challenge many of the assumptions about effective schooling that we have too often hidden behind, and be bold and ambitious in exploring what school could, and should be, in this genuinely technology-rich age.

No longer can the courage of early pioneers be lost amongst timidity and incrementalism. Now in fact is the time for many of our schools to take the next big step forward and show genuine thought leadership around what this country-wide technology-rich learning environment might make possible....for all Australian students. We must once again draw on the creativity and ambitious thinking of our best educators and best educational leaders to challenge mediocrity...even when it is wrapped in a technology blanket, and set a new agenda for the next decade of this millennium that explores what is now possible. ELH 2010 will seek to explore these challenges, test our assumptions and share some experiences and ideas from some of the most experienced 1 to 1 educators and educational leaders in the world.

## **SchoolTech Program Format**

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### **Featured Presentations**

Featured Presenters will address delegates with insights and perspectives that challenge your thinking. These presentations will feature technology experts and school leaders presenting on major issues confronting Australian schools. Listen to real world implementation and success stories on the latest school deployments.

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### **IT Management Insight Sessions**

Designed specifically with Senior Level IT Managers and Decision Makers in mind, these sessions provide a forum of discussion and debate. These sessions provide the opportunity to discuss relevant issues facing your school with technical experts and senior IT experts from schools.

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### **Technical Showcase**

Preview and evaluate the latest technologies that will shape the IT landscape in schools, including real life demonstrations and workshops from industry experts.

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### **Hands-on Workshops**

Held on day 2 and 3 of the conference, these workshops have been increased to half day sessions due to popular demand. Experienced industry trainers will host these workshops. The workshops are hands on in

structure and will allow delegates to walk away with resources, knowledge and new skills from the intensive sessions they attend.

### Call for Presenters and Course Leaders

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We are seeking presenters for the one hour **Featured Presentations** and **IT Management Insight Discussions** around the following topics;

- Schools using 3G successfully within the school environment
- Data Centre and IT Infrastructure design
- Wireless Configuration planning
- Virtual Desktop Infrastructure
- Use of Microsoft Exchange 2010

We are also interested to hear of any other deployments or areas of interest that you feel would benefit other schools to hear.

### So, do you want to be part of SchoolTech 2010?

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Do you wish to be an active participant in the Premier Technology and Learning Conference of 2010?

All you need to do is:

- Complete the attached *SchoolTech2010 - Call for Papers Proposal Form*.
- Email your proposal to [katherine@computelec.com.au](mailto:katherine@computelec.com.au) by COB **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010**.
- You may submit more than one proposal.
- You may submit a joint proposal.  
**Please Note:** Only one presenter's registration fee, accommodation and travel arrangements are covered by Computelec. This can be arranged to be shared if presenters are from different schools.

### SchoolTech 2010 Presenter Entitlements

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If your presentation is selected, Computelec will cover the following costs:

- SchoolTech 2010 registration fee (valued at \$595.00)
- Subsidised Single Accommodation for Sunday and Monday night - Computelec will contribute \$100.00 per night. You will be required to pay \$95.00 per night. (Computelec will also subsidise Saturday night accommodation for presenters travelling from WA, QLD and NZ)
- All meals for the duration of the conference (valued at \$450)
- All interstate and international flights - if applicable.

## Timeline

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<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Call for Presenters distributed
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Submissions close
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Successful speakers finalised and notified
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Deadline for course files and resources to Computelec
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	SchoolTech2010 Conference

Reach out to your colleagues and staff and invite those who you think have something to share. Feel free to forward this letter and proposal form to other innovators, and provide them with the opportunity to share their knowledge at this conference.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have as you consider this proposal and prepare your course information.

I look forward to working with you to create an inspiring and relevant experience for all delegates at SchoolTech 2010.



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