

Good Gear to Go

Demonstration of 3 easily used software programs and 2 vital pieces of equipment for the Special Needs student or the general classroom

(a) Signs of Australia on CD-ROM

View and print out individual collections of Auslan sign language. NB Requires High Color (16 bit) or higher in display or you will get unusual black and white printouts.

Signs of Australia on CD-ROM

Price: \$175.00

Available: Australian Communication Exchange → Deafness Resources Australia → Resources

<http://www.aceinfo.net.au/>

Presenter: Wendy Rule - Wimmera Deaf Facility

(b) Compic – Computer Pictographs for Communication

The Compic Pictograph as released by Scope Victoria (formerly Spastic Society of Victoria) allows production and creation of Pictographs for individual students in a variety of sizes.

Compic Publishing Software Version 3.0

Price: \$580.00

Gif Files for PC & Mac

Price: \$290.00

Available: Scope Victoria

<http://www.scopevic.org.au/>

Available: Compic

<http://www.compic.com>

Presenter Raelene Joyce - Horsham 298 PS

(c) Writing with Symbols

Based on the Compic Pictographs this writing software allows students to type and print out sentences using the Compic Pictographs as visual clues.

Writing with Symbols 2000 Version 2.5

Price: \$559.00

Available: Spectronics

<http://www.spectronicsinoz.com>

Presenter: Ian Clough - Horsham 298 PS

(d) IntelliKeys touch panel

I have used Intellikeys for a number of years in teaching. I will demonstrate the use of IntelliKeys in the Early Classroom. This innovative touch panel keyboard allows classes to fully utilise the 1 computer classroom, to allow total class use within a session and to tailor make each lesson to the needs of the teaching group.

USB IntelliKeys

Price: \$839.00

Overlay Maker

Price: \$199.00

IntelliPics Studio

Price: \$299.00

Available: Spectronics

<http://www.spectronicsinoz.com>

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(e) Digital Cameras – the Sony Mavica – floppy freedom

Most digital cameras require software (drivers) to facilitate recognition of camera with computer; an interface lead and power lead to save on draining battery power supply during downloading to computer. The Mavica floppy disk series allows saving directly to a floppy disk. Great for use in the classroom by students in writing, displays, web pages, publications and graphics programs e.g. Word, Kid Pix Studio Deluxe, PowerPoint

Available: Local or national retail camera stores

Sony MVCFD 75

Price: \$999.00

Sony MVCFD 100

Price: \$1199.00

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