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Young people capturing workplace safety

With workplace safety becoming a huge issue for young people, the Victorian Information Technology Teachers Association (VITTA) and WorkSafe Victoria have teamed up to launch a digital arts competition to help raise young people's awareness of workplace safety.

3in6 is a video and animation competition for teams of school students which in 2009 will focus on the important issue of workplace safety. Each participating school will be told two safety 'secrets' and must include them in a video or animation piece. One 'secret' will be an object or idea, and the other will be words that must be spoken. The competition is a challenge for school students to work closely together to plan, film, edit and create a short video which not only includes the competition 'secrets' but also uses them creatively to engage an audience of their peers.

In a race against time and other Australian teams, they will have just six hours to complete their three minute production (one minute production for animation).

Jill McCabe Manager Workplace Support and Education Division of WorkSafe said that "WorkSafe is delighted to be sponsoring VITTA's 3 in 6 competition in 2009, as the competition is an innovative and interactive way for students of all ages to learn about workplace health and safety." WorkSafe's research shows that many students are engaged in part time work while they are at school and yet a large number of young people may not be aware of health and safety issues in their workplace and even if they are - they may be afraid to speak up about these issues. Ms McCabe said that "sponsoring the competition is another element of WorkSafe's Young Worker Strategy and provides a great opportunity for WorkSafe to engage with young people and their teachers about the importance of health and safety."

VITTA Executive Officer Renee Hoareau agrees that "authentic learning through multimodal devices can be more successful when students are engaged in interactive learning programs. VITTA is pleased to bring this collaboration with WorkSafe to Australian schools to highlight the importance of young workers being conscious of occupational health and safety issues."

3in6 will be officially launched during National ICT Week 2009, July 27 – August 1. Schools will be given the 'secrets' and the competition will run on Thursday 29 October.

For more information about the 3in6 competition please visit <http://www.3in6.vitta.org.au> or contact Renee Hoareau on (03) 9495 6836

About VITTA

VITTA was founded in 1991 to enable students to reach their full potential in schooling supported by digital technologies in the creation of new knowledge both in the classroom and beyond. VITTA embraces and promotes the interdisciplinary nature of ICT as a means to enhance the quality of education and as an essential student and career pathway.