

## Computing Studies Teachers Network Rural and Regional Focus

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This project provides professional learning opportunities for teachers of Years 10-12 Computing Studies from rural and regional areas to participate in a professional network. It will enable the member organizations of ACCE to direct services to computing studies teachers in rural and regional areas through five strategies:

- **professional learning projects** that aim to promote and support effective pedagogical approaches in computing studies subjects. These will be conducted in each state over a two-year period;
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- **a national summit** for practitioners in remote distance education schools that offer computing studies to students, where subject selections are limited;
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- **a national portal** of resources for computing studies teachers;
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- **a computer server** to host the exploration of new technologies. This is of particular benefit for many schools where their system or school cannot support these services for technical or security reasons; and
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- **a national online computing studies survey** to research the needs of computing studies teachers in rural and regional areas.

The professional learning projects will be conducted in Queensland and Western Australia in 2006, and in the remaining states and territories in 2007.

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