“Developing innovative training programs for delivery to industry”

Press Release

Specialist Centre New Horizons

RMIT University through its School of Fashion and Textiles has assumed full responsibility of the Textile Specialist Centre. To date the Centre has been a joint venture project between RMIT and the private provider Texskill.

The Head of School Fashion and Textiles, Keith Cowlishaw, said

“These changes will allow the Specialist Centre to embrace the total industry in the context of Fashion, Merchandising, Design and Textiles. It is a better alignment with the school’s activity and will allow for collaboration with other institutions and industry groups. Texskill will of course continue as a partner RTO along with the other RTO the School is working with.”

The Centre’s primary activity will be to research, develop and, deliver training to the TCF Industry that meets industry needs. Training will encompass short courses as well as accredited training and, if practicable, industry will be given access to the School’s extensive design equipment.

“We believe e-learning will become more important as we move forward and the current IFC funded e-learning project using the Canadian THRC web based materials is an excellent example of the type of work the Centre will be focusing upon.”

Over the next three months the School will be exploring the formation of a series of networks with major institution as and industry. It is intended that these networks will allow a number of projects to be initiated for implementation in 2007.

The School of Fashion and Textiles at RMIT University is a leading player within the Textile and Fashion industry and the broader scope of the Specialist Centre will give the school a flexible vehicle through which it can develop innovative training and education for the TCF Industry.

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