



About the CE6 Upgrade

Macquarie will be upgrading the central Learning Management System (LMS) from WebCT Campus Edition 4.1 to Blackboard Campus Edition 6 (CE6) for 2008. WebCT is now owned by Blackboard Inc. and as a result WebCT CE6 has been re-branded as Blackboard CE6.

This project began in June 2007 following the approval of Prof Judyth Sachs, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost and Paul Bowler, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer.

The CE6 Upgrade Project team was formed from Centre for Flexible Learning and IT Services staff to ensure a smooth transition for all staff and students to the new version. The team will be responsible for moving all existing WebCT units into Blackboard CE6 and to provide training workshops, materials and support for all staff and students.

The University has also decided to host Blackboard CE6 externally to improve the reliability and availability of the facility.

The CE6 Upgrade Project team will be moving all existing units into the new version in a number of stages. We will be running the two versions concurrently until all units have been moved to the Blackboard CE6 web site. The first group of units to be moved will be the Open Universities Australia (OUA) units offered in Study Period 3, 2007. These units will be available to OUA students from Monday August 27, 2007. For more information about when your units will be moved, please see the Timeline for Staff.

Training and Support

The upgrade team are currently working on a plan for an extensive training and support program. It is anticipated that this will include:

- training for all support staff on campus
- training sessions for teaching and administrative staff
- Department / Divisional sessions
- orientation sessions for students

A full schedule will be publicised both on this site and through Staff News as it becomes available.

For Staff

Timeline

The CE6 upgrade will extend over an eight month period commencing in June 2007. The units currently available in WebCT will be migrated across in four groups.

Group 1

The first group of units to be moved across to CE6 will be all Open Universities Australia (OUA) units offered in Study Period 3, 2007. This migration will be completed by August 27, 2007.

N.B If your unit is not listed below you will not be affected by this first stage of the transition.

ANT110	EDU110	HST120	HST255	PHI110	PHI310	PSY130	SGY310
CLT110	ENG110	HST140	HST310	PHI120	PHI350	PSY210	SGY320
CLT120	ENG210	HST210	LGL110	PHI130	PLT120	SGY120	SGY360
CLT220	ENG211	HST220	LGL210	PHI210	PLT210	SGY220	SSK15
CLT210	ENG315	HST250	LST210	PHI230	PLT220	SGY240	

Group 2

This group will be moved across and be ready for teaching by the 26th November, 2007. This group includes:

- OUA study period 4 units
- Summer school units
- Vacation units

Group 3

This group will be moved across and be ready for teaching by the 26th November, 2007. This group includes:

- Semester 1 units
- Full year units

Group 4

All remaining units will be transferred to CE6 and be ready for teaching in Semester 2, 2008.