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2014 - the year in review!

- VOCEDplus now contains over 66,000 items. These include research reports, journals and journal articles, books and book chapters, conference proceedings and papers, working papers, discussion papers, occasional papers, policy documents, survey results, published statistics, podcasts, and theses.
- 6,387 new items were added to VOCEDplus in 2014 - 1,000 more items than in 2013.
- The VOCEDplus website received 366,646 visits from 223 countries to VOCEDplus. The top five countries continue to be Australia, US, UK, India and Canada.
- We tweeted 6,050 times. Our tweets resulted in 6,196 visits to VOCEDplus.
- Visitors viewed a total of 918,149 pages on the website.
- There were 264 visits to the VOCEDplus website on Christmas day: 28 from India; 25 from US; 21 from Australia; 17 from UK; and 14 from Malaysia.
- The most downloaded item from the repository was [*Trends in the first year experience in Australian universities*](#).
- 1,943 document requests were received from around the world. May was the busiest month, with December being the least busy.
- While Australian users request the most documents, around 56% of requests came from overseas countries. Requests are received from a wide range of countries including Afghanistan, Brunei, China, Ireland, Malaysia, and Switzerland.
- 2 mini-polls were conducted - on the most important topic in the tertiary education sector, and the most important aspect of quality for the sector. Keep an eye out for more polls in the coming months and share your thoughts.

Thanks to all VOCEDplus users for helping make 2014 a successful year!



Latest poll

Apprenticeship completions are a key issue in Australia. Latest National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) figures show apprentice and trainee completions in Australia fell by 20.4% in the 12 months ending 30 September 2014.

The latest online poll asks 'Which aspect of the apprenticeship experience will improve completions?':

- Job and/or learning experience
 - Relationships with employers
 - Increase in wages
 - All of the above
 - Other - Tweet us
- @VOCEDplus
#ApprenticeshipCompletion

Tell us what you think by voting in the poll on the [VOCEDplus homepage](#).

New collection in VOCEDplus

Conferences are an important part of research. They provide a forum to debate ideas, share early findings of research, discuss research projects, network with other delegates, and more. However, papers and presentations from conferences are often difficult to locate as proceedings are not always published. Often, papers may appear as articles in journals, be made available online on the presenter's institutional repository, or not get published at all.

The VOCEDplus team has identified a number of key conferences for the tertiary education sector and is working on capturing papers from these conferences.

The [Key Conferences](#) page lists the key conferences in the tertiary education sector and provides a link to the conference site. It also provides links to conference proceedings and selected papers in VOCEDplus by year of the conference.

This page is a work in progress and we are still in the process of accessing individual papers. If you have presented a paper at one of these conferences and your paper is not in VOCEDplus, or if you would like to suggest a conference for inclusion on the page, let us know using the [feedback form](#). Please refer to the [selection criteria](#) for more information on the scope of VOCEDplus.

VOCEDplus Highlights

VOCEDplus Highlights is a monthly publication presenting an edited selection from the latest additions to the VOCEDplus database, in order to highlight some of the issues appearing in tertiary education research internationally.



The full collection of [VOCEDplus Highlights](#) editions is available and you can subscribe to the [RSS feed](#) to be alerted when new editions are released.

Coming to VOCEDplus

Work is currently underway to refresh the VOCEDplus website, including a new logo and colour scheme. Exciting additional features will also be added to the site. These include an Advanced Search page which will offer a much simpler guided search and a new expert search, and the Pod Network page which will feature 'readymade clusters' of theme-based information.

