



Not Your Mother's Brightspace!

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Learning Goals

By the end of this Session you will have:

- ▶ Seen what's new in the VLE.
- ▶ Explored the Activity Feed
- ▶ Taken a look a new features in the Announcements tool.
- ▶ Looked at Annotations in the Assignments Folder
- ▶ Seen how easy it is to use the Rubrics tool.
- ▶ Explored the various ways to use the Video Note feature
- ▶ Learned how to streamline the VLE experience for you and your students

What's New in the VLE:



Streamlined experience



Activity Feed



Video Note options across multiple tools



Rubrics are easier and more streamlined.



Grades Tool has been updated



Assignments can be annotated without using the Grader App
(note: the Grader App is being retired as all features are not available on either a laptop or iPad)



Coming soon – Video Capture for screen casts and videos.

The Announcement Tool



Use Replacement Strings such as {Firstname} to personalize the experience.



Create a Video Note that embeds directly into the Announcement.



Link to Assignments, Discussions and Content for a more directed and controlled learning experience.

The Activity Feed Tool



Acts like a Feed on Facebook or Google Classroom.



Posts can be pinned.



Add links to Content, Discussions and Assignments.



Create an Assignment or Discussion from the Activity Feed and add it to the Grades Tool.



Messages can be posted at a later date or scheduled.



Students can comment on messages and reply to each other if allowed by the teacher.

The Annotations in the Assignment Folder



The Assignment Folder now has all the Annotation tools of the Grader App.



Use a “pen” to circle, underline or highlight.



Add comments directly onto the document.



Saves as a PDF for students to review.



Expand to a full screen to view the entire document or image.

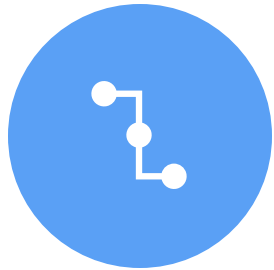
Rubrics Tool



New streamlined look and easier to use.



Link to Discussions, Assignments, Quizzes and Portfolio.



Can set release conditions and link to Expectations.



Rubrics can be created right from the Assignments Tool.

Video Note

- ▶ Video Note allows students and teachers to create and embed video directly into Announcements, Discussions, Quizzes and Assignments.
- ▶ Works across multiple platforms (Laptop, iPhone, iPad)
- ▶ Video is created and stored in Brightspace
- ▶ Can allow for non-synchronous discussions
- ▶ Allows teachers to assess on Observation and Conversation.



Grades Tool



Easier to use – Set up Wizard and Guide.



Links to Assignments, Discussions, Quizzes and Portfolio.



If you are using Brightspace for Parents/Families grades can be made visible.



Can be exported to a Marks program.

Bonus Extras!!



Quick Eval – Quickly see what assignments have been recently submitted or need to be evaluated.



Course Engagement – See how many students are logging in regularly



Class Engagement – See which students have not accessed the course in the past seven days.



Customize your Course Title with Replacement Strings {Firstname}

Streamline the Experience



Only use what you need – just because a tool is available doesn't mean you have to use it or the students need to see it. For example the Nav Bar should only have the links to tools you are actively using.



Post work that should be completed that day in either the Announcements or Activity Feed but not both. Pick a tool that works best for you but don't overwhelm students with links in various spots.



Limit your widgets! Don't clutter your homepage with too many widget that students won't be using.

Questions?



THANK YOU!

We hope this presentation will assist you with summer school this year. Feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions.

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