Apps for teaching and learning, on the iPad

Please add your ideas/notes, classroom ideas and any apps you've found.

(To insert a link, highlight the text or app title, then [insert => link] or Ctrl+K)

Many of these ideas taken from Peter's collection, and also Assunta's collection.

Language and literacy

Focus	Apps	ideas / notes
Translation	 Speak & Translate, google translate 	Careful: Speak & translate full version costs \$13. Wendy's had a look at google translate and reckons it has potential for low-level students. Many languages, eg Somali, Hindi. Students can listen to the translation, and also add words via handwriting.
Vocabulary	Flashcards for kids	
Read-along	 <u>Dragon dictate</u>, <u>Spell Better</u> <u>Story Mouse</u> (for children) 	Watch out - Catherine says the upgrade for Spell Better is \$32.
Dictionary	Wordweb - Dictionary and Thesaurus	
Pronunciation & phonics	 PB Phonics 1-3, pronunciation power 	
Spelling	 Alphabet Tracing Free Alphabetical order Rocket speller 	
Culture	 <u>Australian slang</u> (some interesting language here!!) 	
Word games	 chicktionary (scrambled words) Word Bingo Sight words learning games Sight words bingo 	
Typing	AAA typing bee	
Speaking	English conversation	

Reference & information

Focus	Apps	ideas
Fire & emergency	Fire Ready - Victoria / Dept Justice	
History	Melbourne Museum - Victoria Fauna Field Map	
Biology	Melbourne Museum - Victoria Fauna Field Map	
community & services	 Express Plus (Centrelink and other services), Job seeker search, 	
Safety & symbols	 <u>Safety symbols library</u> <u>Water & Beach Safety - Surf</u> <u>Life Saving Victoria</u> 	
on the roads	 <u>Learner driver test</u> <u>Hoddle's Grid: Street History</u> of Melbourne 	
Health	 Sun smart, Better Health (Vic govt) 	
Tourism & travel	 Melbourne Official Visitor Guide, There's Nothing Like Australia, 	

Numeracy

Focus	Apps	ideas
Maps	apple or google maps	great for planning travel, transport, distances. Estimate distance, then calculate with the measurement tool.
Earth		Have students create a world tour relevant to their field of study.
Money	Money SmartEducating Eddie currency	something weird is happening with educating Eddie - only available in the US store (?). The upgrade for Eddie is us\$3.
Time	 <u>tell time little</u> <u>matchups</u> <u>Tell Time</u> 	

Collaborative writing and digital curation

Focus	Apps	ideas
create documents as a group	google docs	
collect information	evernote	

Writing tools

Focus	Apps	ideas
blogging	blogger wordpress	
plain text		
PDF	 PDF connect (work with PDF files) PDF voice reader (\$5) 	

Images and photos

Focus	Apps	ideas
photo editors	pixlr is very good and free	Students can take photos of work done on paper, eg mind-maps, and then share via various channels - flickr, instagram etc - let the students decide the best hashtag.
sketch		Draw diagrams or sketches direct on the tablet (tricky for small-screen phones).
play with photos	befunky, photofunia	

Audio

Focus Apps	ideas
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voice recorder	see this document comparing many options	Look for an app that lets you adjust the recording quality: 128kbs is good for spoken word, but you may want to record at a higher resolution.
podcaster eg iPadio		

Video

Focus	Apps	ideas
player	 youtube ABC iView SBS on demand 	 Students watch video and comment, analyse, discuss, de-construct. Possibly better to do this via a web-based service like youtube or blip.tv Education-focused (safe) versions of youtube?
record & edit	iMovie - edit movies on your device.	Students create their own self-videos on a relevant topic, then share.
Stop motion animation		

Networking & community

Focus	Apps	ideas
social media	facebook google + instagram twitter	Connect your students with their colleagues & peers in other classrooms or organisations. Build support networks that students can access outside of class times.
telephone & video conference	skype viber whatsapp google hangout	Practise listening skills with students in other locations.

classroom strategies eg presentation

Focus	Apps	ideas
digital whiteboard	educreations (whiteboard & screencasting),	

Extra sources of information

For iPad apps and classroom strategies:

• Richard Byrne has a great blog - iPad Apps for School.