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Centre for Science & Technology Education Research

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WELCOME TO WAIKATO

Welcome to the University of Waikato. I hope you make the most of your time here and the opportunities that will present themselves during the course of your study.

You have come to an excellent university that is ranked top in 10 subjects under the Government's Performance Based Research Fund. We are also internationally connected; we have research connections and student exchanges with some of the world's top universities. I urge you to consider taking part in these while you are with us.

Here at the University of Waikato, you will be taught by lecturers who are leaders in their fields of research and who win national teaching awards. We are proud of our academic quality and the fact that we turn out sought-after graduates who go on to take up important roles in all parts of the world.

You will already have noticed our beautiful campus which is set in 68 hectares of gardens, green space and lakes. At the heart of it all is the new Student Centre, which was completed in 2011. With its accessible areas, Library services and multitude of facilities, it is a place for students to study or just gather together and we are very proud of this building.

In 2011 we celebrated 10 years of another important building, the Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts. This world-class facility was the vision of a group of driven Waikato people. It quickly became a focal point in the campus and continues to be an important venue for the performing arts community.

I encourage you to experience all our facilities during your study at Waikato. We are heading towards our 50th anniversary in 2014; you are benefitting from many years of planning, hard work and vision.

I sincerely hope you enjoy your time at the University of Waikato; I urge you to make the most of the excellent education, the beautiful setting and the top facilities and then head out into the world as alumni and ambassadors for us.

Roy Crawford

VICE-CHANCELLOR
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WELCOME TO THE CENTRE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION RESEARCH

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We extend an invitation to students and teachers who have an interest in science, technology and environmental education to read this booklet to find out about the opportunities we offer at the Centre for research and professional development. If you require any additional information about the Centre and its work, please feel free to contact us.

The CSTER Team

Mission

The mission of the Centre is to provide national and international leadership, and to conduct research in science, technology and environmental education, and information technology applied to these areas.

The goals of the Centre are to:

- » Conduct excellent research,
- » Provide research-informed teaching and supervision, and
- » Provide national and international professional leadership.

Further Information

Further information about the University and Schools can be obtained from the Faculty of Science & Engineering and the Faculty of Education *Graduate Handbooks* and the current *University Calendar*.

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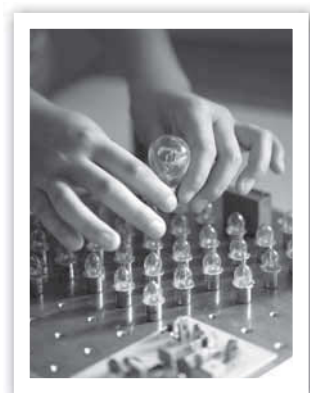
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FOREWORD

This handbook provides information about the work and programmes of the Centre for Science and Technology Education Research at The University of Waikato. The Centre is uniquely situated both within the Faculty of Science & Engineering and the Faculty of Education.

The Centre is known throughout New Zealand and internationally for its research and scholarships, and for the use of its research in the development of policy, practice, curriculum, resources, assessment and professional development.

The Centre offers opportunities for professional growth for people working in:

- » Science education,
- » Technology education,
- » Environmental education, and
- » ICT education.

Our students include practicing teachers, teacher educators, curriculum developers and community educators in New Zealand and from a range of countries in the Pacific Islands, Africa and Asia. Most are graduates seeking mid-career professional development through advanced study for higher qualifications. Staff and students work together as colleagues in a co-operative and friendly way.

The academic programmes we offer are flexible. Full-time and part-time options are available. Our programmes allow students to specialise in their particular area of interest, to undertake interdisciplinary study, and to learn how to conduct research. Excellent facilities are available in the Centre and at the University. Many courses are available online, so that students can complete a qualification from their own location.

The Centre is keen to host New Zealand Science, Mathematics and Technology Teacher Fellows. Any practicing teacher interested in this option that provides up to one year of study leave on a project of their choice, and of interest to the Centre, would be welcome to discuss this with Centre staff.

We extend a warm welcome to you to come and join our exciting, vibrant community and make the most of all we offer.

The CSTER Team

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INTRODUCTION

The Centre for Science & Technology Education Research was formed in 1989. It has grown from the Science Education Research Unit, which was started in 1981 by Dr Roger Osborne and Professor Peter Freyberg. The Centre is interdisciplinary in nature and is jointly administered by the Faculty of Science & Engineering and the Faculty of Education.

Research in science, technology and environmental education is multi-disciplinary in nature and this is reflected in the diverse range of teaching, research and professional activities conducted within the Centre. The Centre has eight inter-related activities.

Research

The major activity of the Centre is to promote and undertake research into science, technology, environmental and ICT education. The Centre has an international reputation for conducting research of the highest standard. This is reflected in the publication of research in many major internationally refereed journals such as *Research in Science Education*, *Studies in Science Education*, the *International Journal of Science Education*, *Environmental Education Research*, the *Journal of Technology Studies*, the *International Journal of Technology and Design Education*, and the *Journal of Co-operative Education and Internships*. In addition, Centre staff serve as referees and editorial board members for the above journals.

The staff collectively have research expertise that spans the spectrum from primary to tertiary teaching, learning and assessment, and that represents a range of methodological approaches to research, experience in classroom practice, graduate supervision and contract research. A strength of the Centre is its ability to form teams of staff, students and visitors to conduct research in a wide range of science, technology, environmental and ICT education areas. Within these teams Centre staff, graduate and postgraduate students, carry out research for:

- » Masters and doctoral degrees,
- » Contract research for government ministries and other education stakeholders, and
- » The pursuit of staff members' research interests.

The Centre focuses on research which is characterised by:

- » Engagement with the community,
- » Social construction of learning, and
- » A school classroom basis.

Teaching

The Centre offers postgraduate diplomas and masters papers in science, technology, and environmental education, and in doing educational research. Papers are run in a variety of ways including group seminars for Hamilton-based papers, and online forums for distance students, allowing for active discussion between participants. In addition, supervision is provided for independent study in small research projects or theses.

Student Support

The Centre offers strong support for students in a number of ways. Student support meetings are held regularly and provide guidance and information on topics of general interest. Significant support is provided across the University for new international students and for research students. The Centre ensures that all students are aware of the support opportunities that are available. An online environment provides for easy access to resources and discussions that flow across all members of the Centre, regardless of their location. Students are also included as an integral part of the Centre's social activities.

Educational Development

The Centre undertakes development in science, technology and environmental education, based where appropriate, on the research findings of the Centre. This includes curriculum development, teacher development, resource development and assessment development.

Professional Development

The Centre promotes and supports the professional development of science, technology, environmental and ICT teachers. It provides a forum for discussions, critiques, seminars, and workshops, as well as opportunities to gain postgraduate qualifications. Staff are also involved with international, national and regional subject associations, and professional bodies, and with contract development activities.

Formulation of National Education Policy

The Centre contributes to the formulation of national policy in science, technology, environmental and ICT education. The expertise and experience of the staff and students in research and development enable them to make contributions to the national policy of groups such as the Ministry of Education, through contracts and submissions.

Critical and Constructive Analysis

The work of the Centre staff and students provides a critique of science, technology, environmental and ICT education at the local, national and international levels, and suggests ways to improve science, technology, environmental and ICT education.

Consultancy and Liaison

The Centre works on a networking or consultancy basis with other local, national and international science, technology, environmental and ICT education and research groups.

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TEACHING

Degrees and Diplomas

The Centre offers postgraduate programmes in science, technology, environmental and ICT education, and in research methodologies for the following degrees and diplomas:

- » PhD
- » Master of Science
- » Master of Education
- » Master of Social Science
- » Master of Arts
- » Postgraduate Diploma (Science Education)
- » Postgraduate Diploma (Technology Education)
- » Postgraduate Diploma (Education)
- » Postgraduate Diploma (Environmental Education)
- » Diploma of Applied Science

Masters degrees are usually completed in two years of full-time or three to four years part-time study, while the diplomas and postgraduate diplomas usually take one year full-time or two years part-time.

The Diploma of Applied Science is designed for graduates who wish to broaden their qualifications at the undergraduate level, while the three postgraduate diplomas include papers at the graduate or masters level.

Masters Degrees

Students studying towards a masters degree taught in science, technology, environmental or ICT education would normally complete four masters-level papers, followed by a four-paper thesis. Guidelines for the papers are described below under Postgraduate Diplomas. The thesis component is undertaken in science, technology, environmental or ICT education.

Postgraduate Diplomas

The Postgraduate Diploma requires completion of four masters-level papers. Candidates select two papers from offerings in science, environmental or technology education, together with a small research project, and our research methods paper. A typical programme consists of:

- » One of Science education, Technology education or Environmental education,
- » Research Methods (compulsory),
- » A Directed Study, and
- » One other paper (eg Innovations in Science, Technology or Environmental Education).

Alternatively one or two masters papers from the Faculties of Education or Science & Engineering can be selected in place of the Centre's papers.

Research Degrees (MPhil, PhD and EdD)

The MPhil and PhD are research degrees, designed to recognise original contributions to knowledge made while extending one's research skills under university supervision. The usual level of entry is masters or a good honours degree with an adequate background in the field in which the research is proposed. Both degrees may be pursued full-time or part-time: the MPhil requires the equivalent of 1-1½ years of full-time research (2-3 years part-time), the PhD requires the equivalent of 3-4 years full-time (5-8 years part-time) and both culminate in the presentation of a thesis embodying the results of the research. The EdD degree is offered through the Faculty of Education and comprises course work and a doctoral thesis. Students must complete two compulsory papers in education and two elective papers from a list provided in the *University Calendar*. To qualify to enrol for the EdD, students must have a bachelors or masters degree with honours, have qualified for the award of a recognised teaching or allied professional qualification, and must produce evidence of competent service as an educational practitioner.

Bachelor Honours Level Courses

The Centre's masters courses can be credited towards some honours level bachelor degrees. The Centre Director will be happy to advise interested students which papers may be suited to their needs.

Paper Details

The Centre offers the following papers for masters degrees and diplomas in 2012:

DSOE557-12A (HAM)	Educational Research Methods
DSOE557-12B (NET)	Educational Research Methods
DSOE557-12C (HAM)	Educational Research Methods
STER508-12A (NET)	Science Education
STER511-12A (NET)	Technology Education
STER512-12B (NET)	Innovations in Science, Technology and Environmental Education
STER513-12C	Environmental and Sustainability Education
STER590-12C or D	Directed Study
STER593-12C	Thesis (three paper thesis)
STER594-12C	Thesis (four paper thesis, the normal requirement for a masters degree in the Centre)
STER600-12C	MPhil Thesis
STER900-12C	PhD Thesis

Papers designated (Y) are Mar-Nov, (A) are first semester Mar-Jun, (B) are second semester Jul-Nov, and (C) are variable (but fixed at date of enrolment). All courses designated this way are based in Hamilton. Papers taught wholly online are shown as (NET) (ie B/NET indicates taught online in Semester B). Papers with more than one designation (ie A or C) are offered more than once during the year.

Summer School, Distance Education, Web-supported and Web-based Courses

The summer school and web-based programmes are particularly suitable for students who are unable to attend on-campus classes during the academic year. The Centre currently offers two papers during the University of Waikato Summer School programme (STER513-12C and DSOE557-12C).

The summer school classes are held over one or two weeks in January and involve further study in the first half of the year. Course assessment is usually during or by the end of the first semester. More details about each paper can be found on the following pages.

PAPERS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Paper Prescriptions

DSOE557-12A (HAM), 12B (NET) & 12C (HAM) Educational Research Methods

This paper introduces students to the major educational research paradigms, methodologies appropriate to collecting data in schools (including interviews, observations, surveys, case studies), action research, literature reviews, critiquing research, and report writing. It includes consideration of ethical issues in research.

Paper assessment: Internal assessment

Required texts: C. Mutch. *Doing Educational Research: A Practitioner's Guide to Getting Started* (NZCER Press)
L. Cohen, L. Manion and K. Morrison *Research Methods in Education* (6th Ed) (Routledge/Falmer)

Course Co-ordinator: Associate Professor Lise Claiborne

Time: 12A (HAM), 12B online, 12C (HAM) – Various times of the year

Note: DSOE557-12C (HAM) is taught partially online. Enrolment in DSOE557-12C (HAM) should be completed two weeks prior to the paper commencing.

STER508-12A (NET) Science Education

This paper aims to provide an overview of current research and development in learning, teaching and assessment in science education in New Zealand and internationally. The synthesis of research findings with classroom practice is a goal of the paper and so it is expected that students will participate in debate and discussion. The modules within the course examine current purposes and aims for science education, views of the nature of science, views of learning in science education, the nature of effective pedagogies for science education and current issues in science education. Topics include:

Purposes of science education

The paper will begin by considering past and present purposes for science education in New Zealand and internationally.

The nature of science and science education

This module focuses on debates about the nature of science itself through an introduction to the work of past and current philosophers of science, such as, Bacon, Popper, Kuhn and Feyerabend with a view to considering how their perspectives are reflected in science education. The use of material from the history of science for teaching will be discussed.

Views of learning informing science education

This module builds from the notion that students come to class with their own ideas about the natural world to explore current theories about how they might go about learning science.

Effective pedagogies in science education

This module examines the ways in which students may be helped to more effectively learn science, to learn about the nature of science and to develop scientific skills and attitudes. It also examines the merits of a variety of ways in which that learning can be assessed.

Current issues in science education

This module focuses on current issues in science education. Examples include the use of ICT, informal science education, culture and gender in science and science education.

Course assessment: The course is fully internally assessed by means of three assignments

Required text: Students will be provided with references and extensive course material

Course co-ordinator: Dr Kathrin Otrell-Cass (Room: KP.G.25; Phone: +64 7 838 4512)

Time: Online in Semester A

STER511-12A (NET) Technology Education

This paper aims to provide an understanding of the current issues in technology education research and development. The course consists of three modules:

Module 1: The nature of technology and technology education. The history and philosophy of technology will be considered in relation to technology education. Different views of technology and technology education will be examined, including teacher and student perceptions. The aims and goals of technology education will also be considered.

Module 2: Learning and curriculum in technology education. Learning theories and their implications for learning in technology education will be considered. The interaction of knowledge, processes and skills will be explored related to research on technological awareness and knowledge, and problem solving in technology education. The social construction of knowledge and its relationship with learning in technology will be emphasised. Current curriculum discussions about technology education in New Zealand and internationally will be related to a historical perspective of curriculum development, as well as recent technology curriculum innovations.

Module 3: Issues in technology education. The implications of technology education will be considered in terms of implementation, management at department and school level educational settings, inclusiveness, and teacher development. Included in this will be issues related to subcultures and innovation. Issues related to assessment in technology education are considered.

<i>Course assessment:</i>	<i>The course is fully internally assessed by means of three assignments.</i>
<i>Required text:</i>	<i>Students will be provided with references and extensive course material.</i>
<i>Course co-ordinator:</i>	<i>Associate Professor John Williams (Room: KP.G.28; Phone: +64 7 838 4769)</i>
<i>Time:</i>	<i>Online in Semester A</i>

STER512-12B (NET) Innovations in Science, Technology or Environmental Education

This paper aims to help teachers of science, technology or environmental education to develop their knowledge of science, technology or the environment and to consider how this knowledge might be integrated into educational activities. Students will develop an understanding of the wider issues of curriculum and assessment innovation.

The paper is taught online by a combination of set readings, online discussions and assignment completions. This paper consists of three parts:

- » Whole class exploration of current ideas about educational innovation, particularly in regard to curriculum and assessment. This will involve reading set texts and participating in online discussion with the tutors and classmates,
- » Individual independent research on a topic of your choice in a knowledge area in science, technology or environment/sustainability. You will be assigned a tutor to work one on one with through this part, and
- » Individual work to design an educational innovation using your new found knowledge in your topic area. This part will again be mentored by your individual tutor.

<i>Course assessment:</i>	<i>The course is fully internally assessed by means of assignments.</i>
<i>Required texts:</i>	<i>Students will be provided with references and extensive course material.</i>
<i>Course co-ordinator:</i>	<i>Associate Professor John Williams (Room: KP.G.28; Phone: +64 7 838 4769)</i>
<i>Time:</i>	<i>Online in Semester B</i>

STER513-12C Environmental and Sustainability Education

This paper aims to provide an opportunity for in-service and pre-service teachers, and community educators to enhance their knowledge and skills in environmental/sustainability education. During this paper students will have an opportunity to:

- » Develop an understanding of the links of environmental education/education for sustainability with other bodies of knowledge (eg indigenous knowledges, gender ideas, philosophy/values etc),
- » Develop a critical understanding of the *Guidelines for Environmental Education in NZ Schools*,
- » Develop knowledge of national and international research, policy and practice in environmental education/education for sustainability,
- » Develop an awareness of the principles and theoretical ideas which underpin environmental education/education for sustainability practice in schools and/or the community, and
- » Develop an understanding of the teaching and learning approaches that are appropriate to environmental education/education for sustainability practice.

Paper assessment: The course is fully internally assessed by means of assignments.

Required texts: Students will be provided with references and extensive course material at the beginning of the paper.

Course co-ordinator: Dr Chris Eames (Room: KP.G.26; Phone: +64 7 838 4357)

Time: 9-13 January 2012, 9am – 3pm followed by online supported learning at your place until early June 2012.

STER541 Research Methods in Science, Mathematics and Technology Education

This paper will not be offered in 2012.

STER543 Development Project

This paper will not be offered in 2012.

STER590-12C or D Directed Study

This paper aims to provide students with an opportunity to work one-to-one with a supervisor to undertake a research study in an area of interest to them, within the areas of science, technology, environmental or ICT education or a closely related area. This study will normally take the form of a small-scale research project involving data collection, but could take the form of an extensive review of the research literature on a particular topic, or the trial and evaluation of an aspect of education.

During the paper, students will have opportunities for some or all of the following:

- » Develop an understanding of an area of educational research,
- » Frame a research question to be investigated,
- » Develop skills in reviewing and critiquing educational research literature,
- » Develop skills in the use of one data generation method,
- » Analyse data,
- » Construct an argument based on data that has been collected and analysed, and
- » Discuss research findings or the problem of interest in relation to relevant literature.

This paper can be taken completely online, completely face-to-face or through a mix of these modes. Students at a distance to the University will typically work with a supervisor through email and phone calls, with possible, but not essential, occasional face-to-face sessions.

Paper assessment: The directed study report will normally comprise a document in report format. The exact nature of the product of the directed study should be negotiated and agreed with the CSTER supervisor of the study. Typically, the study will be a small-scale research project or an in-depth literature review. The word limit for the report is between 8- 10,000 words.

Course co-ordinator: First contact should be with Associate Professor John Williams (Room: KP.G.28; Phone: +64 7 838 4769; Email: pj.williams@waikato.ac.nz). All Centre staff are available for the supervision of projects.

Time: Times may be negotiated

STER593-12C and STER594-12C Masterate Theses

The Centre offers theses equivalent to three (eg STER593) or four (STER594) papers at the masterate level, in accordance with the calendar regulations. In exceptional circumstances, smaller dissertations equivalent to one paper (STER591) or two papers (STER592) may be offered.

Thesis work involves study over one year (full-time) or two years (part-time) on a research topic of interest. The topic is negotiated with, and supervised by, at least one member of the Centre staff.

Initial contact should be made with Associate Professor John Williams (Room: KP.G.28; Phone: +64 7 838 4769; Email: pj.williams@waikato.ac.nz). All Centre staff are available for the supervision of projects.

STER600-12C MPhil Thesis

The Centre offers an MPhil thesis option over one year (full-time) or two years (part-time) for study on a research topic. This option is suitable to those students who already hold an honours degree (masters or bachelors degree with honours) who wish to undertake a short research study, rather than a PhD. Students may be encouraged to enrol in the MPhil option and subject to satisfactory performance upgrade to a PhD. Approval to undertake this programme is required from Centre staff. The research topic is negotiated with, and supervised by, at least one member of the Centre staff.

Initial contact should be made with Associate Professor John Williams (Room: KP.G.28; Phone: +64 7 838 4769; Email: pj.williams@waikato.ac.nz). All Centre staff are available for the supervision of projects.

STER792 Diploma in Scientific Investigation

This paper will not be offered in 2012.

STER900-12C PhD Thesis

The Centre offers a PhD thesis option over three years (full-time) or five-six years (part-time) for study on a research topic. This option is open to those students who already hold an honours degree (masters or bachelors degree with honours) who wish to undertake an original research study. Approval to undertake this programme is required from Centre staff and the University Postgraduate Studies Committee. The research topic is negotiated with, and supervised by, at least two members of the Centre staff.

Initial contact should be made with Associate Professor John Williams (Room: KP.G.28; Phone: +64 7 838 4769; Email: pj.williams@waikato.ac.nz). All Centre staff are available for the supervision of projects.

Examples of Possible Programmes for Students

The Centre has a strong desire to provide flexible learning, tailored to the individual needs of students. The variety of papers and options open to you for research and study towards a higher degree or diploma are many and varied. Outlined below are some options chosen by teachers and students to further their qualifications. Some programmes combine papers from the Centre with papers from other faculties of study.

Allan is a graphics and technology teacher at a secondary school. He successfully applied for a PPTA study award to complete a full-time **Postgraduate Diploma in Technology Education**, as follows:

DSOE557	Educational Research Methods
STER511A	Technology Education
STER512B	Innovations in Science, Technology and Environmental Education
STER590C	Directed Study

Diana has a BSc in biology and is interested in gaining further qualifications in conservation science and environmental education. She has been working for the Department of Conservation for 10 years. Her proposed programme for a full-time **Master of Science** is:

BIOL572/573	Animal Behaviour and Conservation
DSOE557	Educational Research Methods
STER513C	Environmental and Sustainability Education
STER590C	Directed Study
STER594C	Thesis on the educational impact of displays on visitors to National Park Centres

Harry is an experienced secondary science teacher who has a BSc in physics and a DipTchg and is interested in gaining further professional qualifications. Currently he is unsure about committing himself to a full masterate programme because of family commitments. He undertakes the following programme for a **Postgraduate Diploma** part-time over two years:

DSOE557	Educational Research Methods
STER508A	Science Education
STER511A	Technology Education
STER590C	Directed Study on the introduction of electronics in schools

Hone is a primary teacher with a BEd and is working with bilingual students. He is interested in gaining qualifications in science education and Māori education. His proposed programme for a two-year **Master of Education** is:

DSOE557	Educational Research Methods
PCSS503B	Indigenous and Post-colonial perspectives in education
PCSS510C	Gender, Race and Education
STER508A	Science Education
STER594C	Thesis on the learning of science in a Kura Kaupapa programme

Carolyn is a fourth year secondary science teacher with a BSc who is interested in learning more about biotechnology education. Her proposed programme for a two-year **Postgraduate Diploma** is:

BIOL584/585	Genetics
STER511A (NET)	Technology Education
DSOE557	Educational Research Methods
STER543C	Development project for a new biotechnology unit

Tui completed her teaching online through a Mixed Media Programme. She really misses her online learning connections and is keen to continue to learn from her rural base while teaching full-time. Her proposed programme for a Master of Education part-time over four years is:

PCSS510C (NET)	Gender, Race and Education
STER513C	Environmental and Sustainability Education
STER590C	Directed Study on student learning through recycling
DSOE557	Educational Research Methods
STER594C	Thesis on Māori values in environmental education

MPhil

Jane is an experienced biology teacher. She has a BSc(Hons) and DipT and five years of classroom experience. She is interested in improving her classroom practice. Jane enrolls in a part-time **MPhil** over two years and her thesis project consists of a comparative study investigating the implementation of a novel teaching style including extensive use of analogies.

PhD

Michael is an experienced chemistry teacher. He has a BSc and MEd and many years of classroom experience. He is interested in a major research project to improve the teaching of abstract chemical concepts in atomic structure and bonding. He also wishes to improve his future prospects by obtaining an internationally-recognised higher degree. He feels this will open up overseas career opportunities. He enrolls in a part-time **PhD** over five years; his thesis project consists of a qualitative inquiry investigating students' understanding of atomic structure.

Li has recently completed her masters degree and is lecturing at a university in her country. She is interested in improving her pedagogy in teaching technology, and believes there is a gap in the research in this area. She gains a scholarship to study at Waikato, and enrolls for three years of full-time study. Shortly after successfully defending her proposal, she returns to her country to conduct an intervention and collect her data, which is relevant to the position she will return to upon completion of her studies.

CENTRE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

The Centre was involved in the following research in 2011:

The Science Learning Hub

The Science Learning Hub is a joint CSTER and WMIER project funded by the Ministry of Research, Science and Technology. The Hub provides web-based resources for secondary teachers to use with their students. The Hub is structured around contexts of interest to students such as the Sporting Edge which looks at the science of sport and the See Through Body which examines medical imaging. The Hub highlights the research of New Zealand scientists, it includes video resources, teaching and learning materials, articles and news stories.

Bronwen Cowie, Kathrin Otrell-Cass, Chris Eames and Mike Forret.

Have Their Environmental Experiences Turned Them Green: Reflections of Some Young New Zealanders

This project is bringing together researchers and teachers to explore the impact of environmental experiences on some young New Zealanders. Students who have been identified as being highly engaged in environmental education at primary school are being interviewed to explore the long-term impact of these and other environmental experiences.

Chris Eames, Miles Barker, Carol Scarff, Marianne Robertson and two primary teachers.

Investigating the Feasibility of Using Digital Representations of Work for Authentic and Reliable Performance Assessment in Senior Secondary School Courses

The focus of this three year study, funded by the Australian Research Council, is on the use of digital technologies to 'capture' performance on practical tasks for the purpose of high stakes summative assessment. The purpose is to explore this potential so that such performances could be included to a greater extent in the assessment of senior secondary courses, to increase the authenticity of the assessment in these courses. The study involves 40 case studies for the four courses involved.

For each case a variety of quantitative and qualitative data was collected from the students and teachers involved, including digital representations of the students' work on the assessment tasks, surveys and interviews. This data was analysed and used to address the research questions within a feasibility framework consisting of four dimensions: Manageability, Technical, Functional and Pedagogic.

John Williams and researchers from Edith Cowan University, Perth.

Scratch Project

In the Scratch Project we aim to gain insights into what the computer program, Scratch, has to offer learners and teachers. Scratch has been designed with young users in mind, is simple and easy for young learners to use, and provides a context within which children can enjoy exploring and being creative with programming. The research team are working with teachers and pupils in a local primary school to explore the teaching and learning potential of Scratch.

Mike Forret, Ann Harlow and Marilyn Taylor.

NILSS Networked Inquiry in Secondary Science Classrooms

This TLRI funded research project aims to explore and theorise how inquiry teaching and learning in junior secondary science can be supported through e-networked environments such as blogs or email and how online resources accessed through the Internet can afford individual and group exploration of content, skills and resources.

The focus is on using this approach to address how science education can be made more relevant to and responsive to the needs and interests of students from diverse backgrounds

Overall, the project goals are to:

- » Describe the social construction of knowledge when diverse students are involved in individual or group science inquiries, that are both face to face and supported through networked online environments, and
- » Put forward a framework for understanding inquiry learning in science classrooms underpinned by activity theory.

Kathrin Otrrel-Cass, Elaine Khoo, Bronwen Cowie and Alison Basel.

Promoting Pedagogical Content Knowledge (PCK) Development for Early Career Secondary Teachers in Science and Technology Using CoRes (Content Representations)

This project will bring together science and technology content and pedagogy experts, early career teachers and researchers to design a CoRe (Loughran, Berry & Mulhall, 2006) to assist development of teacher pedagogical content knowledge (PCK). The study will then research the teacher's use of the CoRe in their planning and delivery of a unit in their classrooms to examine the impact of the CoRe on teaching and learning.

Chris Eames, John Williams, Anne Hume and John Lockley.

Technology Education Teachers' Pedagogical Content Knowledge: A Collaborative Research Study Between New Zealand and South Africa

The purpose of this study is to research technology teachers' pedagogical and content knowledge (PCK). This is a collaborative and comparative study between South Africa and New Zealand, with a view that an examination of PCK in the context of technology curriculum revisions happening in both countries will enhance the understanding of technology teaching.

Four teachers in each country will be observed during their teaching, support documentation will be analysed and the teachers will be interviewed. This data will be combined to form a picture of the teacher's PCK. The researchers will work together in all aspects of the project.

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- » The UNESCO Baltic Sea Project
- » AGENDA21NOW! Student Internet Conference
- » Hamilton Boys High School Gully Restoration Project

Selected Recent Publications

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- Saunders, K. J. (2010). Engaging with bioethics. A professional learning programme. In A. Jones, M. Reiss & A. McKim (Eds.), *Ethics in the science and technology classroom: A new approach to teaching and learning*. Rotterdam/Taipei: Sense.
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Selected Recent Publications

Zegwaard, K., & Campbell, M. (2011). *Development towards a professional values framework: Community and practitioners perspectives*. Proceedings of the New Zealand Association for Cooperative Education.

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McCurdy, S., & Zegwaard, K. (2010) *Exploring interventions to enhance faculty involvement in cooperative education*. Proceedings of the New Zealand Association for Cooperative Education.

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CURRENT GRADUATE RESEARCH

The Centre has a large number of graduate students working on a remarkable variety of interesting research projects either by distance or in residence.

Current doctoral students in the Centre are:

Claudio Aguayo (PhD)	Environmental education using ICT in Chilean communities
Vicent Anney (PhD)	Professional Development Approaches for Science and Mathematics Teachers in Tanzania
Irene Barnett (PhD)	Tertiary Physics Education
Vanwyk Chikasanda (PhD)	Technical education in Malawi
Wendy Fox-Turnbull (PhD)	Using autophotography to investigate technology education
Marshall Gass (PhD)	The evolution of ICT as a School Curriculum Subject
Dilani Gedera (PhD)	An activity theory analysis of mediational engagement with e-learning activities
Tatiana Kalnins (PhD)	Whole School Approaches to EfS
Denis Lajium (PhD)	Student mental models of chemical reactions
Nelson Lebo (PhD)	Permaculture in a redesign of secondary science education
John Lockley (PhD)	Teacher professional development and curriculum development in education for sustainability
Louise Milne(PhD)	The Role of LEOTC in primary school technology education
Alcuin Mwalongo (PhD)	Student teachers' perceptions about learning management systems as tools for promoting critical thinking
Nhung Nguyen (PhD)	Enhancing flexible and constructivist learning by integrating information and communication technology
Asaku Openg (PhD)	Pre-service Teacher Education in Education for Sustainability in Papua New Guinea
Franco Rodie (PhD)	Solomon Islands Year 9 Science Teachers Summative Assessment Practice
Mohd Nihra Said (PhD)	Online collaborative learning in Malaysian tertiary education
Lynley Tulloch (PhD)	Ideologies of nature and education for sustainability

Current masters students in the Centre are:

Nicholas Bowskill	Success and failure in technology education
Jared Carpendale	Science education in a museum setting
Kisan Hussain	Mobile learning in the Maldives
Tracey McAllister	ECE – school transition and EE
Wiki Papa	Māori worldviews in NZ taxonomy
Barbara Ryan	Teaching ethics in the primary science classroom: Planning support for teachers
Todd Sharland	Teaching secondary science through Māori stories
Nicole Stevens	Use of Moodle, ICT in Science Education
Suskia Van der Merwe	An investigation into secondary science teachers' use of research findings to inform their science teaching

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Christine Fenton (PhD)	Science Teaching in Nursing Education Programmes
David Hodges (PhD)	Assessment of Work Based Learning
Elaine Khoo (PhD)	Online learning communities in tertiary education
Michael Michie (PhD)	Cultural issues in science education
David Sade (PhD)	Professional development for TE teaches in the Solomon Islands
Fauziah Sulaiman (PhD)	Improving Physics Learning in Tertiary Education using Problem Based Learning via Web-based Classrooms
Mohd. Zaki Ishak (PhD)	Teachers' Perceptions of an Introduction to Computer Systems

Recent Masters Theses

Osamah Almaghlouth	ICT in Saudia Arabia Schools
Diana Anderson	Indigenous knowledge and environmental education
Margaret Arthur	Development of action competence using EFS in a New Zealand school
Ellison Giano	Science education in the Solomon Islands
Beatrice Moore	Learning food technology outside the classroom: A study of a secondary class visit to a live historical village
Hani Nusantari	Environmental education in Lombok
Thomas Smith	Understanding how an audiovisual introduction engaged GATE students in technology activity
Sue Wake	The Eco-Classroom Project

JOINT PUBLICATIONS

It is encouraged within the Centre to publish research outcomes and present at conferences during the research process. For students this is most commonly done jointly with supervisors, and resources are provided to students to enable them to achieve these research dissemination goals.

Some recent examples of joint publications and presentations are:

- Milne, L. & Eames, C. (2011). Teacher responses to a planning framework for junior technology classes learning outside the classroom. *Design and Technology Education: an International Journal*, 16(2), 33-44.
- Bowskill, N., Williams, J. & Forret, M. (2011, July). *Teacher's perspectives on vocational training in NZ secondary schools and the new Technology Curriculum*. Paper presented at the PATT Conference, London.
- Chikasanda, V., Williams, J., Otrell-Cass, K., & Jones, A. (2011, July). *Students' perceptions towards technology (PATT): A professional development tool for technology teachers*. Paper presented at the PATT Conference, London.
- Nguyen, N., Williams, J., & Forret, M. (2011, June). *A Model of integrating constructivist learning principles and ICT*. Paper presented at the 2011 Science Education Symposium, Khon Kaen University, Thailand.
- Nguyen, N., & Williams, J. (2011, June). *Science Education in Vietnam: current state and future directions*. Paper presented at the 2011 Science Education Symposium, Khon Kaen University, Thailand.
- Lebo, N., & Eames, C. (2010), *Towards ecological literacy: A permaculture approach for junior secondary science*. Paper presented at the New Zealand Association for Environmental Education Biannual Conference, Hastings, New Zealand.
- Aguayo, C., Otrell-Cass, K. & Eames, C. (2010, January). *Education for sustainability and Information and Communication Technology: Use of Efs websites for community education*. Presentation to the 6th New Zealand Association for Environmental Education Conference. Hastings, New Zealand.
- Said, N.M., Forret, M., & Eames, C. (2010, November). *An online group for collaborative learning in Malaysian pre-service teachers programme*. Virtual presentation to International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation, Madrid, Spain.
- Aguayo, C., & Eames, C. (2010, January). *Assessing the Environmental Literacy of a community using a wind farm project as a case study*. Presentation to the 6th New Zealand Association for Environmental Education Conference, Hastings, New Zealand.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Centre has a strong commitment to professional development. While the Centre's teaching of courses and supervision of research is one form of professional development, and the involvement in development contracts is another, the Centre is also involved with other activities that assist professional development.

The Centre conducts a series of Autumn and Spring Seminar presentations by staff in areas of their current research. A conference is held each year for doctoral and masters students to present their research; and study groups are supported by the Centre.

Autumn and Spring Seminar Series

In the most recent seminar series, the following presentations were made:

Dr Chris Eames

Becoming green? The durable impact of environmental education experiences on young New Zealanders.

Associate Professor Jenny Young-Loveridge

The challenges for teachers of helping students acquire a range of strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems.

Dr Kathy Saunders

Teaching and learning about ethical inquiry into socioscientific issues.

John Lockley

Activity Theory as an analysis tool for investigating local curriculum development in Education for Sustainability.

Dr Kathrin Otrell-Cass

ICT in support of teaching and learning earth science.

Dr Sashi Sharma

Developing Statistical Literacy with Year 9 Students: A Collaborative Research Project.

Graduate Conference

The Centre holds an annual graduate conference to showcase student work and allow students to gain practise in presenting their work. The presenters at the most recent conference included:

Vanwyk Chikasanda

Enhancing teachers' technological pedagogical knowledge and practices: A professional development model for technology teachers in Malawi.

Irene Barnett

A model for categorizing and developing laboratory course teaching purposes.

Mohd Nihra Haruzuan

Malaysian undergraduate pre-service teachers' perceptions of learning online through the implementation of an online collaborative learning environment.

Ellison Giano

Science teachers' perceptions about doing practical science activities in urban and rural secondary schools in the Solomon Islands.

Chhaya Narayan

Students' perceptions of science and scientists.

Asa Openg

Pre-service teachers' perceptions about environmental problems in Papua New Guinea.

Tatiana Kalnins

The evaluation of the development of a whole school approach to education for sustainability.

Wiki Papa

Te Ao Huirhuri: The juxtaposition of Te Reo Māori, Tikanga and scientific naming protocols for naming new species in New Zealand.

Wendy Fox-Turnbull

A framework for the analysis of the nature of conversation in technology education.

Nelson Lebo

Towards ecological literacy: A permaculture approach for junior secondary science.

Denis Lajium

Students' mental models about chemical reactions.

Fauziah Sulaiman

Improving physics students' creativity thinking using problem-based learning approach in the e-learning environment.

Study Groups

The Centre encourages and supports the formation of study groups to debate and discuss recent research. The Centre currently operates a series of reading groups in research related areas conducted from within the three research groups, the Tertiary Science Education Research Group, the Science & Environmental Research Group and the Technology Education Research Group. These groups meet on an informal basis regularly throughout the year. Interested individuals should contact the Centre director if they wish to be a part of a study group.

CONSULTANCY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Activities

Chris Eames is the past Chairperson of the New Zealand Association for Co-operative Education and is on the editorial board of the *Journal of Co-operative Education and Internships* and the *Asia-Pacific Journal of Co-operative Education*. He is a committee member of the Waikato branch of the New Zealand Association for Environmental Education.

Kathrin Otrell-Cass is on the organising committee of the NZ Association for Research in Education (NZARE), and is involved with the Geological Society of New Zealand and the Royal Society of New Zealand. She is also a reviewer for the journal *Research in Science Education (RISE)*.

John Williams is a Regional Editor for the *International Journal of Technology and Design Education* and is on the editorial board of the *Journal of Technology Education Design and Technology Education: An International Journal*. He is on the International Relations Committee of the International Technology Education Association, the Education Committee of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, and the Research Committee of the Council on Technology Teacher Education (USA). He has consulted on Technology Curriculum in South Africa, Australia, Botswana, Mauritius and Seychelles and has been a Visiting Scholar at Nanjing Normal University in Nanjing, China.

Liaison

Centre staff liaise both nationally and internationally with a number of groups including the Ministry of Education, the New Zealand Council for Educational Research, the Royal Society, APEID/UNESCO, ICMI, IASE, New Zealand Science Teachers' Association, Technology Education New Zealand, the National Education for Sustainability Team, ITEA and other centres, for example, in Leeds, London, Reading and Melbourne.

Teacher Fellows

The Centre regularly hosts teachers for Royal Society Teacher Fellowships and other scholarships.

New Zealand Science, Mathematics and Technology Royal Society Teacher Fellows

2004 Mary McPherson

2005 Marianne Robertson and Kathy Paterson

2006 Barbara Ryan and Sara Loughnane

2008 John Dudli, Jenny Mangan, Debra Leong and Colin Milne

2010 Alison Basel

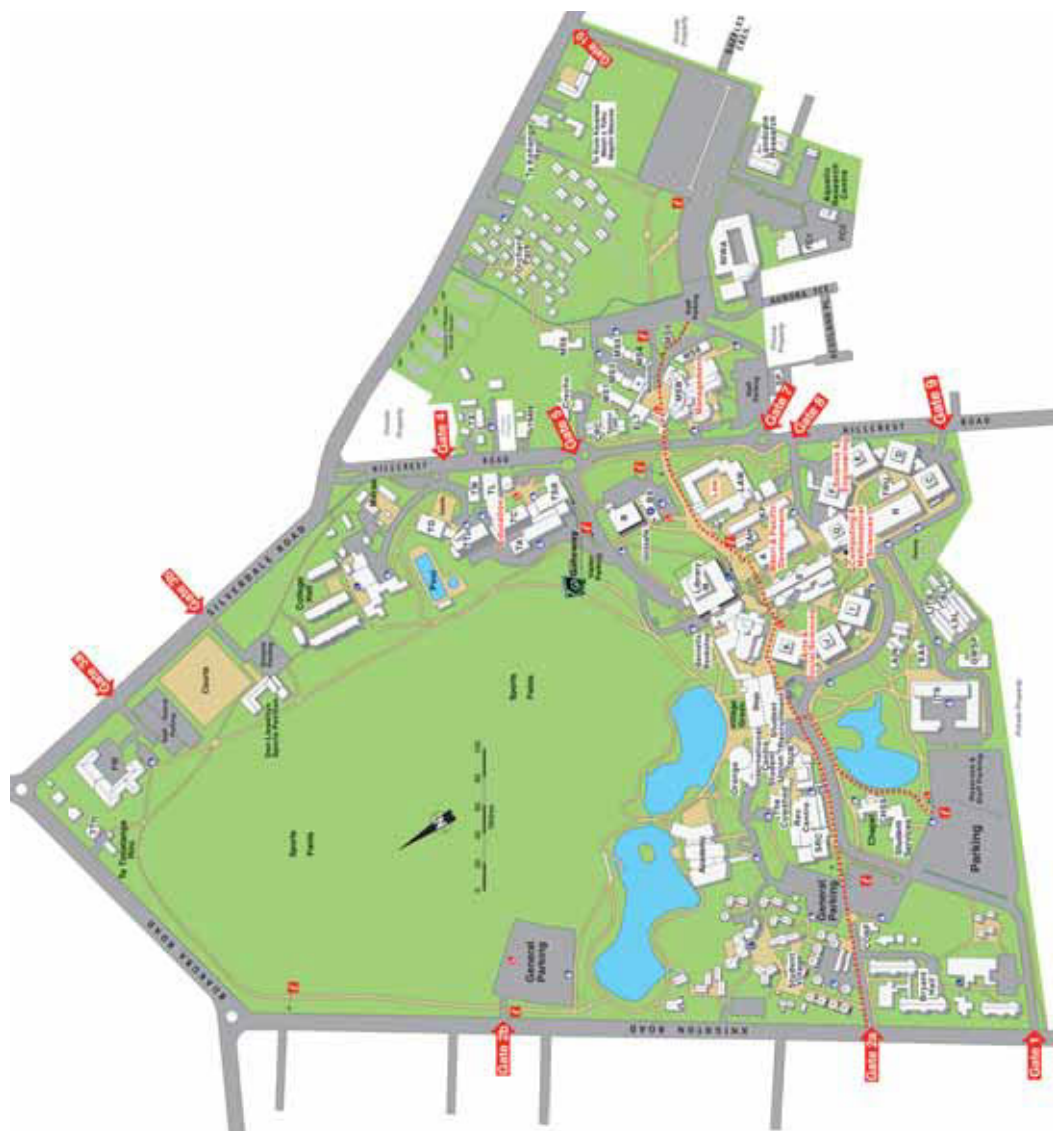
We invite teachers interested in applying for a Fellowship to discuss having the Centre as a host or co-host.

Centre Visitors

The Centre is pleased to host international and national visitors who may be on study leave, or academics who have a research agenda. In 2011 we were visited by numerous casual education visitors from throughout New Zealand and overseas.

Participating Schools 2011

The staff of the Centre are grateful for the help and support of the staff and students from New Zealand schools who were involved in research with the Centre in 2011.





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