

WHAT ARE THE KEY CHANGES TO THE GUIDELINES?

Digital Delivery

In response to COVID-19, the Creative Kids guidelines now include more options for you to deliver your programs online. Digital experiences can now include online lessons, activities, workshops, webinars, and film and performance streaming.

Online programs do not need to be entirely interactive, but they do need to show that participants are able to ask questions or seek lesson support. This support can be provided by phone, email, live video or online messaging.

Programs can be delivered through digital platforms such as Skype, Zoom, YouTube, Vimeo, Microsoft Teams, and other webinar and digital video hosting platforms. This includes sharing access to pre-recorded materials.

Inclusion of activities that support school curriculum

In response to COVID-19 and the associated impact on schooling, we have extended the Creative Kids guidelines to include creative and cultural activities that support or link to the school curriculum for 2020. This includes co-curricular and extra-curricular activities and excursions or incursions packaged as virtual tours, online performances or other digital activities.

- Our advice is to find the online platform that suits your specific needs, and also don't be scared to experiment and try new platforms. Technology is always advancing and improving, and just because something didn't work for you before, doesn't mean it won't work for you now. ●

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HOW DO I TRANSITION TO DIGITAL DELIVERY?

Video Streaming

There are several options for streaming live or pre-recorded performances and film, including:

- **Vimeo:** Desktop, Smartphone
Free basic membership, with subscription options for business membership. Vimeo is an ad-free video viewing service.
- **YouTube:** Desktop, Smartphone, Xbox One, PlayStation
Free live-streaming option or pre-recorded videos.
- **Twitch:** Desktop, Smartphone, Xbox One, PlayStation
Free to join. Twitch is a live streaming service. Content can be viewed either live or via video on demand.
- **Discord:** Desktop, Smartphone, Xbox One
Free to join. Discord communicates voice, video, text.
- **Dacast:** Live streaming software - Desktop, Smartphone
Pricing options for annual, monthly or single event subscriptions. Dacast is a self-service, cloud-based streaming service. Good for live-streaming performances and video-on-demand services.

Video On-Demand

Sharing videos on demand allows participants to experience elements of your program at their leisure. This could complement a live video conference workshop, or live Q&A webinar chat session as part of your overall program. Some examples of video on-demand channels include:

- **Vimeo:** Desktop, Smartphone
Allows for password-protected videos, so Providers can share pre-recorded videos by giving participants a password once they have paid for the program.
- **YouTube:** Desktop, Smartphone, Xbox One, PlayStation
Has a variety of features which allow providers to upload videos and control who has access to view content.
- **Twitch:** Desktop, Smartphone, Xbox One, PlayStation
Free to join. Twitch is a live streaming service. Content can be viewed either live or via video on demand.

Online Teaching Platforms

Online Teaching Platforms offer ways of grouping together all the elements of your program and are also a useful way to ensure your participants have access to everything they need. Below are some examples of teaching platforms:

- **Google Classroom:** Desktop, Smartphone
Google Classroom is a free web service that aims to streamline the process of sharing files between teachers and students. Integrated with Google Drive, Docs, Sheets, Slides, Gmail and Calendar, Google Classroom has been developed by Google specifically for schools in the aim of a paperless system.
- **Instructure - Canvas:** Desktop, Smartphone
Canvas is a cloud-based learning platform already being used by a variety of schools and universities. It's free for teachers and students, but everyone using it needs to create an account. Canvas can host videos, chats and comments, reading material, downloadable resources and video lessons.

HOW DO I ADD AN ONLINE CREATIVE KIDS PROGRAM?

Already a Creative Kids Provider?

Log into your Creative Kids dashboard, then:

- 1 Click the “add new program” button and fill out the relevant fields
- 2 In your program description, indicate this is an online program and provide the delivery method (Skype, Q&A session, Webinar, Video Library Footage, etc)
- 3 Attach a PDF of your online Program Structure and Fee Structure.

A new Creative Kids Provider?

There are three simple steps to register as a provider:

- 1 Visit service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids to learn if you are eligible
- 2 Review the Guidelines and Checklist
- 3 Create a MyServiceNSW account, or log into your existing account and set up a Business Profile if you don't already have one
- 4 Register for the Creative Kids Program. Enter your details, upload your documents and activity program, then submit for approval. In your program description, indicate this is an online program and provide the delivery method (Skype, Q&A session, Webinar, Video Library Footage etc).

- It has been a bit challenging to timetable the additional students who have had to move to online learning, but all the lessons remain the same. I've found, over the years, that kids are very good at letting you know how they want to learn.

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MORE INFORMATION

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- Depending on the individual and their access and availability to technology, some like to see us whilst while they're learning, and others like to use the telephone only. Through our creative classes in writing and poetry, our students not only develop specific learning skills, but more importantly, their self-esteem increases. This in turn creates greater application at school and they are able to more actively participate in the world. ●

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