

# Student eNews

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## Have Your Say: The Learning Experience Survey has been extended to Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October!

**This is your last chance to have your say** on the quality of your units and teaching at QUT through the Learning Experience Survey (LEX) for Semester 2, 2007.

Due to demand the LEX Survey period has been extended to allow you more time to provide feedback at this busy time of year. Therefore the LEX now closes on Friday 26 October, 2007 at 5pm.

To complete the LEX: Log onto [QUT Virtual](#). In the Student Messages box, eligible students will see a Learning Experience Survey message: click on 'Complete the survey'.

The LEX takes less than 10 minutes to complete, is online and focuses on the most important aspects of your learning. The feedback you give is confidential. No student names or student identifying information is provided to Teachers or other faculty staff, the survey results will be utilised to inform and enrich the continued improvement of your learning environment.

**Remember you can go into the draw to win one of 20 Myer Gift Cards valued at \$200 by completing the LEX Survey.**

Please direct all enquires about the LEX to the IT Helpdesk at: [ithelpdesk@qut.edu.au](mailto:ithelpdesk@qut.edu.au) or phone 3138 4000. You can also find out more information about the LEX at: [www.yourfeedback.qut.edu.au/](http://www.yourfeedback.qut.edu.au/).

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## QUT Login

Accessing QUT web applications will soon be trouble-free and convenient with the new single sign-on authentication system, QUT Login.

Students will be required to login once during a session to access the majority of QUT's online resources. Apart from reducing the frequency which users are required to login, it will also improve access to resources and services beyond QUT's boundaries enabling greater cross-institutional collaboration.

It is expected that QUT Login will be operational for QUT Virtual, Blackboard early in summer semester 2007 with the majority of the remaining QUT services being converted ready for Semester 1 2008.

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## IT Security Checklist

Is your computer protected against viruses? Is your computer secure from hackers?

If you answered NO to either of these questions then your laptop or computer could be at risk. To protect your computer there are a few simple steps you can take.

Ensure you turn on your Firewall, install and update Anti-Virus software, download the latest patches, ensure your password is secure and understand how Spyware, Adware & Malware work.

To protect your laptop or computer download FREE anti-virus software and learn more about important IT security issues such as phishing, spam, removing trial software and the physical security of your computer, visit the ITS website at: <http://www.its.qut.edu.au/itsecurity/>

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## Informit TVNews

QUT students now have access to a new online database (Informit TVNews) that enables you to view news and current affairs programs from Australian free to air networks on your desktop.

TVNews provides an index and synopsis of all major news, current affairs and documentary programs that you can search or browse. The Informit interface enables users to search by subject or locate stories from known programs and dates and to view a video of the program. As part of the Informit service, TVNews is integrated and cross-searchable with full-text journal resources in the Library's collection.

The database is continuously updated with a 24 - 48 hour turn around of most programs. The TVNews content started to build from the end of August, 2007 and will continue to grow over time, creating a searchable archive of Australian TV news.

To find out more about the Informit TVNews database visit:

[www.library.qut.edu.au/db/5370f](http://www.library.qut.edu.au/db/5370f)

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## Search across 20 library databases at once!

QUT Library currently has a two month trial of a new article search known as 360 Search. It enables you to search across multiple databases simultaneously and offers a more intuitive interface. You can choose to search across all databases at once or simply limit your search to a group of subject-specific databases. There is no need to repeat the same search in multiple databases. The search results are

also grouped allowing you to easily narrow your search by topic, date, journal, author and database.

As this is a trial we are limited to **searching across 20 of our major databases** including ProQuest and Ebsco.

The trial started mid September and is due to finish in mid November. Please go to the library website and vote 'yes' if you want to keep this new search or give feedback.

To find out more information and access 360 Search, visit the Library homepage and click on "Search now": [www.library.qut.edu.au](http://www.library.qut.edu.au)

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