

Strategies for using *CSU Interact* within EED114

The different tools on your Interact site have a specific purpose. The following is a brief description of these tools and how they will be used within this subject.

Subject Outline – Here you will find an HTML version of the EED114 subject outline. Important information regarding weekly reading lists, assessment items and due dates for assessment items can be found within this document. **It is vital that you read this document.**

Announcements – The Announcement tool is used to keep students up to date. Announcements will be sent to you as emails as well as appearing in the *Recent Announcements* window on the Interact homepage.

Chat room – chat rooms will be used during the semester. To find a specific chat room select the *Change Room* option at the top of the Chat Room screen. More details regarding the use of chat rooms will be discussed during the semester.

Resources – This is a place to store documents related to the subject.

Wiki – This is a collaborative writing tool. Wiki pages have been set for the first six weeks and relate to your exam. The wiki tool allows everyone to share ideas and answer specific questions. This tool will be used to set and revives questions regarding your exam.

Forum – the forum also allows us to share ideas online, but it creates a ‘threaded’ conversion. If you have a question it can be posted on the forum.

Blog - A blog is an online journal in which individuals can write entries, ordered by date, which they can share with others. Members of the site can comment on each others' entries. You shall be using the Blog tool in your first assessment item. By default, all blog entries are visible to the other site participants.

PebblePad – this is CSUs ePortfolio system. As you will be studying in this course for several years I suggest you set up an ePortfolio as soon as possible. The use of an ePortfolio will be discussed in other education subjects.

Help – this takes you to the Interact Help homepage where you can find information regarding each of the tools.