



Knowledge Network gets you there - The question is, where is there?

We know Knowledge Network does not sell hardware or commercial software. We know they have educational software for ages 3 to 5, 6 to 9 and high schools. This includes Dexterity, a keyboarding program, intended to increase typing speed and mouse handling while attending to events such as the arrival of emails. To young learners this software, marketed to schools, represents fun, software that lets you paint and draw, complete puzzles and achieve results you can show off to your teachers and parents.

Getting you there takes on a different meaning depending on the user. To Ilma Lucht, from Wartburg, “there” means home learning for her children. To Luckey and Bongani, educators from H A Jack Primary School, “there” means having the confidence, coping skills and knowledge to move between MS Office and GOL Open Office Labs. Michelle Risi, on her way to her honours year, wrote in her thank you letter to her school educator about what a huge impact Knowledge Network had on her career. She mentioned her Excel knowledge kept her ahead of her peers in the competitive university environment.

It is unusual for schools, principals, educators, learners of all ages and parents to be users of the same product, at the same time. Learners at select local and overseas schools report on their “cool” IT sessions, integrated learning, assessments, Certificates, projects, knowledge sharing and “awesome” Skyping. Principals, on the other hand, report on how they are achieving the school’s IT vision.

Linda van der Walt, the IT educator at St Katharine’s School explained “there” from an educator’s viewpoint. “I first became associated with Knowledge Network in 1999. My computer skills were minimal. I attended an ILAMM course, which equipped me to present the curriculum.

I attended Teacher’s Diploma and Web site courses and found it stimulating using new knowledge in the classroom, in my work, including the school magazine and web site.”

“When I joined St Katharine’s School, the school was already in partnership with Knowledge Network and in the process of expanding its IT infrastructure. Knowledge Network facilitated staff training. The staff’s computer skills improved and were applied to their teaching environments. Promethean Boards were installed to encourage interactive learning. An auditorium was assigned for staff and learners. The school has gained valuable exposure. The girls’ work is used for advertisements and is posted on Knowledge Network’s web site.”

“St Katharine’s has joined a wider community of schools also using Knowledge Network. Collaborative problem-solving follows naturally and leads to mutual encouragement among the teachers, at sessions, via email and phone.”

“The computer lessons equip the girls to complete their projects in a creative manner. Coping skills are taught so the girls are able to think, process information and remain creative. For the first time this year, the Grade 7 girls are completing a book. It is encouraging to see the girls cross-pollinate their technological skills and knowledge. The Grade 7 girls also complete the SP Level 03 assessment. The assessment is valuable to them; many of our girls go on to high schools that do not continue with Knowledge Network. The skills they acquire at St Katharine’s ensure their smooth passage through high school and into university.”

“I continue to appreciate Knowledge Network does not impose its ideas on the school. Instead, it finds solutions for each environment and situation.” Knowledge Network gets you there. ●