Broadcasting Group Report

The introduction of a broadcasting group at DGS has had a visible impact on the use of media in teaching and learning and the extra-curricular life of the school.

Eight DV cameras and equipment were bought, along with one professional level camera. Voice recorders, desk microphones and stills cameras are also available for staff and students to use. They have been catalogued as part of the school's Library system and are booked out on short-term loan basis.

Movies have been made of numerous school events from our S3 Battlefields excursion to sports day, from our end of term concerts to this year's Homecoming celebrations. In class, more and more teachers are getting students to use video as part of their learning. Students in History made their own video of events at the start of WW1 whilst S2 students carried out a local film project as part of activities week 2009. Staff are also using video as a way of reflecting on their own teaching practice by filming their own lesson delivery. Internal CPD on how to film and edit in the classroom is continuing to build up a bank of skilled teachers within the school.

The next step for the group is to skill-up more students and Broadcasting is involved in a big way in our Curriculum for Excellence Rich Task. All S1 students have a scheduled series of lessons learning how to film and edit a film about themselves and their community. The hope is that this will lead to an even wider use of video technology in the school.