

Leading Australian Educational Institute adds Sustainability Management to the curriculum with SAS

Hands-on teaching with SAS for Sustainability Management suite to equip students with workplace skills now increasingly in demand

Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE can extend use of the SAS solution for ongoing business and social responsibility initiatives

The Australian arm of SAS the leader in business analytics has announced that the Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE (NMIT) will deploy the SAS for Sustainability Management software solution. NMIT is a major learning institution and one of Australia's largest and most successful providers of tertiary and vocational education.

The SAS solution enables organisations to measure their baseline performance on emissions, energy, water and waste to determine the fiscally responsible path to improvement. While other vendors provide historical reports for hindsight, SAS integrated analytics-led platform delivers insight about the cost implications of current or proposed projects. (1)

At NMIT, various faculties will use the SAS solution in academic courses where sustainability is an aspect of the curriculum. Later, if the Institutes management so chooses, the solution can also be applied to its own sustainability initiatives and relevant corporate and social responsibility matters and reporting.

NMIT's acting head of program Business Degrees, John Grech explained, The use of the SAS solution enables our graduates to be more work-ready by providing real world sustainability reporting and auditing skills in a move that is supported by both industry and professional bodies. Our focus is on using the best solutions for the ongoing sustainability information capability.

Acknowledging NMIT's decision favouring the SAS approach to sustainability management,

Peter Hong, general manager, Public Sector, SAS Australia & New Zealand, said, This illustrates once again the value the education sector sees in the quality of our solutions and support.

He added, SAS is particularly strong in education, both globally and locally, and in Australia, alone, we have six solution specialists and customer support engineers dedicated full-time to the sector.

(1) SAS for Sustainability Management, based on the SAS Business Analytics Framework, uses the Global Reporting Initiative framework to report on triple bottom line indicators. These address three spheres of sustainability environmental, social and economic using SAS software's predictive abilities to validate strategies, identify causal relationships, forecast improvement scenarios and drive innovation.

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About SAS

SAS is the leader in business analytics software and services, and the largest independent vendor in the business intelligence market. Through innovative solutions delivered within an integrated framework, SAS helps customers at more than 45,000 sites improve performance and deliver value by making better decisions faster. Since 1976 SAS has been giving customers around the world The Power to Know.

About NMIT

NMIT (Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE) situated on seven campuses and five training centres throughout Melbourne's north, NMIT delivers vocational training, higher education and lifelong learning capabilities for a global workforce. NMIT forges partnerships with community, industry and government to produce practical, solution orientated graduates capable of making meaningful contributions to their chosen field of endeavour.

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