



Pony Club Academy Launched

A new way the help members learn

The **Pony Club Australia Academy**, a new learning portal for members to assist them through their proficiency certificate learning, has been launched this week.

CEO Dr Catherine Ainsworth said: "PCA recognises that our members have different learning styles and preferences so the PCA Academy has been developed as an extra education tool. It will also enable online exams for the assessment phase of our rider and coach certificates."

Members, and Pony Club coaches are able to login to a members-only section of the PCA website and use digital media activities and tools, including YouTube videos, audio clips, online games, interactive presentations, quizzes and online certificate testing/exams.

"All these will provide additional content and exercises to enhance learning and supplement the PCA manuals and instruction at Pony Club," Dr Ainsworth added.

Each course is split into sections in line with the Certificate Manuals, allowing easy navigation between them, as well as systematic and trackable progress through the sections.

"The PCA proficiency manuals and certificates underwent a major update in 2019, to include more on horse welfare, rider safety and equitation science. They combine past knowledge and tradition with the latest scientific understanding, for present and future generations of riders in Pony Club," Dr Ainsworth said.

"So it is only right we stay on the front foot as a sports organisation by offering digital media learning.

"Early takeup of this learning tool has been beyond our expectations."

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