



Empowering creative education with custom learning design solutions



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- **Client:** National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA)
- **Location:** Australia
- **Platform:** Canvas
- **Sector:** University

Oppida partnered with the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) to develop a custom stylesheet for their learning management system (LMS) and provide workshops on its use. By leveraging design thinking and close collaboration with key stakeholders, Oppida ensured the stylesheet met the unique needs of NIDA's various divisions. This project enabled NIDA to make fast, frequent course updates without the need for technical training, significantly enhancing the learning experience for staff and students alike.



About the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA)

Founded in 1958 as Australia's National Institute of Dramatic Art, NIDA is both Australia's pre-eminent performing arts educator, and one of the most globally respected brands in its field. NIDA's unparalleled practice-based learning, connections to industry and culture of innovation have produced some of the world's most influential and in-demand storytellers across stage, screen and beyond. NIDA's goal is to empower storytellers of all ages and backgrounds, wherever they may be. NIDA is the heart of an increasingly connected Australian performing arts ecosystem.

The challenge

NIDA required a custom-built stylesheet to meet the specific needs of its various divisions. The challenge lay in designing a solution that aligned with NIDA's broader business goals, all within a short timeframe. Additionally, the solution had to support seamless and efficient course updates across the institution, eliminating the need for HTML training for staff.

Oppida was commissioned to create a custom-built stylesheet for NIDA's learning management system and to deliver a series of hands-on workshops to showcase the new stylesheet and its practical use. As part of the stylesheet development, Oppida was invited to design custom home pages to satisfy the needs of various divisions of NIDA.

The solution

Oppida partnered with NIDA to create a customised stylesheet and deliver hands-on workshops aimed at enhancing the usability of their LMS. The solution improved the overall user experience and gave NIDA staff the tools needed to manage course content effectively:

- **Custom stylesheet development:** Oppida designed a custom stylesheet that allowed NIDA to update course content across various departments without needing HTML expertise. This improved the consistency and functionality of the LMS.
- **Interactive workshops:** Oppida ran several workshops to familiarise NIDA staff with the new stylesheet and teach them how to manage content updates efficiently. These sessions provided practical skills and boosted confidence in LMS management.
- **Ongoing support:** Oppida provided continued support during the transition to the new stylesheet, ensuring that the NIDA team had all the resources needed to implement changes smoothly.

The results

The custom stylesheet delivered by Oppida enhanced the learning environment by simplifying the process of course updates across all NIDA divisions. The new design eliminated the need for HTML training, empowering NIDA staff to efficiently manage and update their courses. The hands-on workshops ensured a smooth transition to the new system, equipping staff with the skills needed to maintain and enhance the learning experience.

By the end of the project, NIDA had a more user-friendly LMS, with staff capable of making updates independently and efficiently.



Testimonial

Prasad Pinnamaneni, Project and Business Analyst:

"We engaged Oppida to help us with the style guide design and set up. Oppida assisted us in every step of the way including staff consultation and post implementation support. One thing that stood out about Oppida is their attention to detail and creative approach."





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