



Information & Communications Technology (ICT) Policy

Rationale:

- Learning Technologies, if used effectively and discriminately, provide a unique and powerful opportunity to enhance student learning.
- The computer network of Bonbeach Primary School has been provided to use as a tool in classrooms.

Aims:

- To enhance learning opportunities, and the scope of learning through the discriminate and routine use of learning technologies.
- To develop computer and computing skills in all students.
- To develop the students knowledge and skills necessary for using a variety of equipment and resources.
- To develop an understanding of the principles for safety using materials and operating equipment.

Implementation:

- A learning technologies coordinator will be appointed to our school to lead a team which will provide whole school direction in the use of learning technologies.
- A 3 year learning technologies plan that reflects and builds upon objectives detailed in DEECD 'eSmart Schools' document will be developed and implemented.
- The adoption of open-ended, constructivist learning practices is central to the purpose of learning technologies in schools, and is therefore an expectation of all teachers.
- School Council will provide sufficient funds to ensure the purchase or lease of high quality computers, cabling and peripherals as required.
- Software will be predominantly tools that facilitate learning rather than drill and practice or content based programs.
- All staff members will be required to include information and communication learning technologies as an integral component of their individual professional development plans.
- Technical support by means of DEECD funded cluster and local technicians will provide specialised expertise where required.
- A school council policy detailing the use of the internet and e-mail will be implemented.
- The community will be kept abreast of all progress in learning technologies, will be invited to be involved in the program where practicable, and will be provided with ongoing inservice opportunities.
- The school will develop and maintain an up-to-date, interactive website.
- Students/school community will pursue remote access for all staff and students.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed annually as part of the school's three year review cycle.