

POLICY: DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

RATIONALE:

Digital Technologies comprises a range of hardware and software components that are used for acquiring, processing, storing, retrieving, outputting and communicating information. It is our policy that each student should have equal access to a wide range of educational experiences and resources. The use of Digital Technologies resources (email, internet, Robotics etc) is a privilege, and carries with it responsibilities for students. Electronic Communication is cost-effective, timely and efficient and it is essential that it be used in an appropriate manner.

AIMS:

- To develop the knowledge and skills of students for a variety of digital technology resources
- To understand the importance of Digital Technologies and recognise the role it plays in an ever-changing technological world
- To examine how Digital Technology affects the lives of individuals in our society
- To develop an awareness of cyber safe practises to protect individuals wellbeing

IMPLEMENTATION:

- All Foundation to Year 6 students at our school will study a sequential Digital Technologies program based upon the Victorian Curriculum.
- The school will appoint a Digital Technologies Leader who will work with staff to coordinate the development and implementation of Digital Technologies across our school.
- Digital Technologies used within the classroom is the responsibility of the classroom teacher (Where applicable it will be integrated into all Curriculum Learning Areas)
- Digital Technologies is also taught as part of the Digital Technologies Specialist program
- A network has been established to allow for the use of internet and email facilities
- A Technical Support contractor is employed to maintain and oversee the resources at the school

- The Technical Support contractor and Learning and Teaching Leader of Digital Technologies will ensure that all activities are conducted within guidelines that are included as part of the 'Internet Access/Acceptable Use Policy'.
- Teachers and students will be required to sign an acceptable use agreement to support the proper use of Digital Technologies within the school.

EVALUATION:

Evaluation of the Digital Technology Policy will take place every four years or when necessary.

This policy was updated in 2022 The next review will be in 2025