

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

POLICY BRUNSWICK EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rationale:

- Information and Communication Technologies (I.C.T), when used effectively and based on sound educational theory, provides a unique and powerful opportunity to enhance student learning.

Aims:

- To enhance learning opportunities, and the scope of learning through the use of I.C.T.
- To develop and strategically build on students' I.C.T. skills.

Implementation:

- An I.C.T. coordinator will be appointed to lead a team, which will provide whole school direction and expertise in the use of information and communication technologies.
- A 3 year I.C.T. plan that reflects and builds upon objectives as directed by DE&T, 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 endeavour to allocate 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 encouraged and supported with appropriate professional development, to include learning technologies as an integral component of their individual professional development plans.
- Technical support by means of DE&T funded cluster and local technicians will provide specialised expertise where required.
- A policy detailing the use of the internet and e-mail will be developed.
- The community will be kept abreast of all progress in learning technologies; will be invited to be involved in the program where practicable, and where possible, be provided with ongoing in-service opportunities.
- Technology based interactions with other schools and organisations by means of global classroom projects, video-conferencing and e-mail will be actively encouraged.
- The school will develop and maintain an up-to-date, interactive website through the schools' Internet-based "Learning Village" program.

Evaluation:

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

This policy was ratified by School Council in....

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