Nathalia Primary School
ICT Policy

Rationale

Nathalia Primary School supports the use of ICT integration through multiple learning areas. We believe that in the 21st Century environment it is vital for students to develop skills necessary to be able to find, explore, analyse, exchange and present information. While recognise the need for students to use ICT as a routine part of classroom activities we also need to teach students about safe and appropriate usage.

Aims

- To encourage students to develop positive attitudes to ICT and to understand its importance and relevance to today’s world.
- To enable students to acquire a broad range of ICT capabilities and to be confident about using a range of hardware and software.

Implementation

- To enable students to develop ICT as a tool for learning and inquiry based learning in all subject areas.
- To use ICT to encourage students to work co-operatively, taking responsibility collectively.
- To set ICT tasks which require flexibility of mind and open mindedness in problem solving.
- Opportunities for ICT awareness, skill acquisition and curriculum integration will be provided to all students.
- Software selection will be based upon learning styles, ‘openendedness’ and interactivity. This selection will relate to the curriculum and the Integrated Learning program.
- Each classroom will have a range of eLearning components relevant to their individual levels.
- The latest version of virus protection will be installed on all computers through an automatic system of updating.
- Students will be required to complete Internet Protocol forms before access to email and the Internet is permitted.
- Ensuring students do not use technologies inappropriately and their personal safety is maintained.
- ICT Acceptable Use Agreements to be sent home for students in Years Prep-6 for parents and students to sign.

Evaluation

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

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