UPPER YARRA
SECONDARY COLLEGE

Learning Technologies

Rationale

Learning Technologies, if used effectively and discriminately, provide a unique and powerful opportunity to enhance student learning and engagement.

Aims

To enhance learning opportunities, and the scope of learning through the discriminate and routine use of learning technologies and to develop computer and computing skills in all students.

Implementation

- A learning technologies coordinator will be appointed to our school to lead a team, which will coordinate the school's eLearning plan and provide expertise and guidance in the use of learning technologies across the school community.

- A 'School ICT Progression Strategy' document will be developed by specialist technical support staff in conjunction with the ICT team leader and the principal for implementation.

- School Council will allocate sufficient funds to ensure the purchase or lease of high quality computers, cabling and peripherals as required by the School ICT Progression Strategy, and investigate a 1:1 iPad/Netbook/Laptop program for students.

- The school will be an active ICT participant, focussing on the use of web-based tools and the use of digital technologies such as tablet technology to facilitate improved outcomes.

- 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.

- A scope and sequence of ICT skills for students will be developed and will form the basis of student ICT skill progression.

- Software will be predominantly tools that facilitate learning rather than drill and practice or content-based programs.

- All staff members will be required to use the ePotential ICT Capabilities resource to identify and implement a personal learning technologies professional development plan.

- Technical support by means of Education department 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 maintained.

- 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 in-service opportunities.

- Technology based interactions with other schools and organisations will be actively encouraged.

- The school will develop and maintain an up-to-date, interactive website.

- All students will compile detailed, multimedia digital portfolios of the learnings and experiences at school.

- The school will pursue remote access for all staff and students.

Evaluation

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

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