



POLICY RATIONALE:

The term "Learning Technology" refers to the equipment and the processes which will enhance opportunities for student learning. Learning technology, if used effectively and discriminately, provides a unique and powerful opportunity to enhance student learning. It is important that students in today's society gain confidence and competence in the use and application of learning technology.

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.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- ❖ A Learning Technologies Co-ordinator will lead a team which will provide whole school direction and expertise in the use of learning technologies.
- ❖ The Learning Technology team in accordance with VELs will monitor the development and implementation of learning technologies (infrastructure, hardware and resources) and student / staff learning.
- ❖ The Learning Technology team will take responsibility for the annual review of the St. John Vianney's Learning Technology Plan.
- ❖ In accordance with the St. John Vianney's approach to teaching and learning the adoption of open-ended and purposeful activities will be evident in classroom practices.
- ❖ It is recognised that the Learning Technology Plan requires ongoing financial support in order to maintain up-to-date and relevant equipment. The St. John Vianney's Education Board will address and respond to these needs as required.
- ❖ Software will be predominantly tools that facilitate learning rather than drill and practice or content based programs.
- ❖ There is an expectation that all staff will undertake professional development within the area of Learning Technology with the support of the school.
- ❖ A range of technical support will be provided through the appointment of both school based and contracted technicians.
- ❖ A school based policy detailing the use of the internet, intranet and email for staff and students will be developed, implemented and monitored.
- ❖ The school community will be kept informed of progress in learning technologies and will be involved in decisions regarding their child's use of learning technology equipment and applications.
- ❖ The school will endeavour to develop and maintain an up-to-date, interactive intranet and website.

EVALUATION:

This Policy be reviewed annually by the Learning Technology team in conjunction with staff.