INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)

PHILOSOPHY

Mount Waverley North Primary School recognises that Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) is an integral part of everyday life. Our students are exposed to a range of technological advancements in a dynamic and innovative society. Mount Waverley North Primary School values its eSmart accreditation and acknowledges the need to embrace learning technologies. We support the belief that through Information and Communication Technologies we equip students to effectively participate in a rapidly changing world where work and leisure activities are increasingly transformed by technology.

The walls of the classroom and the home have been expanded by the internet and the instant access to information. This ever expanding and evolving world provides great opportunities to enrich teaching and learning.

Through the provision of greater access to technology, we strive to enable our students to find, explore, analyse, exchange and present information and evidence of learning. We aim to develop the skills necessary to effectively participate in the 21st Century.

PURPOSE

- To endeavour to ensure information literacy is highly valued by all members of the Mount Waverley North Primary School Community.
- To develop student and teacher confidence and competence in the use of computers and other ICT as tools to enhance learning.
- To explore and implement the use of other technologies including digital cameras and other portable devices.
- To use ICT to enhance the quality of all aspects of education, particularly student learning and teaching.
- To educate students in the safe and appropriate use of ICT including the internet and social networking sites.

IMPLEMENTATION

- The *Mount Waverley North Primary School Digital Technology and Internet Acceptable Usage Agreement* will act as the operating standards for the use of learning technologies in the school community.
- Students will be encouraged to use ICT in an environment characterised by cooperation and collaboration, as well as individual pursuit.
- Greater access to learning technologies will be facilitated to students to enhance the delivery of programs across all learning areas;
- Appropriate software, hardware and applications will be accessible to enhance the delivery of learning across all domains.
- Students will develop publishing and research skills using internet facilities and encouraged to develop the skill of critical analysis in judging the quality and reliability of information available.
- Cyber safety and cyber bullying will be addressed across the school through the implementation of the eSmart program to create an awareness of safety issues associated with using the internet, social media and mobile devices

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- Professional development opportunities will be provided to enhance the technological expertise of staff, to introduce staff to new technologies and to support team planning and integration of ICT use throughout the curriculum.
- Resources will continue to be updated to ensure we are meeting the learning needs of students.
- Visual images of students and student work will only be displayed on the Internet with parent/care-giver's permission.

RELATED POLICIES:
- Student Engagement and Inclusion
- Photographing Students
- Child Safe Code of Conduct
- Child Safe Policy

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