



## Information Communication & Technology Policy

### Rationale:

Information and Communication Technologies are reducing the boundaries between the schools and other learning providers. Such technologies influence the full range of the schools' activities and culture, as well as relationships with communities. At St Mary's College, we believe, that literacy in Information and Communication Technology is a basic entitlement for everyone.

### Values:

The provisions and appropriate use of Information and Communication Technology reflects the beliefs and values of St Mary's College. Essential to these beliefs and values are: equity of access within and between school communities; authentic decision making regarding the nature and extent of information available; and the need for integrity in the sourcing and ownership of information.

### Policy Statement:

St Mary's College will provide appropriate and equitable access to, and use of, Information Communication and Technology for all students, staff and families.

### Consequences:

- It is an expectation that all students use the latest ICT equipment and computers regularly in the classroom, in all learning areas.
- St Mary's College will ensure that students, who do not have regular access to the Internet at home, be given priority when accessing computers at the College.
- St Mary's College considers 'hands-on' learning as a key feature of boys' education and as a follow on to this, the use of ICT equipment.
- St Mary's College will continue to meet the trends in the use of the latest ICT equipment for the students, as a way to excite learning.
- The budget of the College needs to provide funding for ICT needs.
- Professional Development for staff in the area of ICT is essential, while also ensuring that staff are given the skills to use computers and ICT equipment fully.
- all Year 5-8 students will be provided with access to a class of laptop computers in a rotational manner.
- all Year 9-12 will be expected to participate in the 1:1 Laptop Program at St Mary's College.

### Related Documents:

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following College documents:

- Toowoomba Catholic Education – Code of Conduct
- *St Mary's College* – Acceptable Use Policy
- *St Mary's College* – Student Acceptable Use of ICT Resources and CyberSafety Agreement
- *St Mary's College* – Conditions of Use of ICT Resources Agreement
- *St Mary's College* – Student Acceptable Use of Email Agreement
- *St Mary's College* – Bullying Policy
- *St Mary's College* – Staff Acceptable Use of ICT Agreement – Cyber Safety
- *St Mary's College* – Staff Conditions of Use St Mary's College ICT Resources