



SOMERSET CRESCENT SCHOOL INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY

RATIONALE:

Somerset Crescent School places importance on the increased development and utilisation of ICT facilities to enhance the learning opportunities for its students

PURPOSE:

1. Enables the learner to use a variety of technologies
2. Enables learners to access appropriate and up to date information quickly
3. Enables learners to practice different ways of communicating with others in a global environment
4. Develops learners' thinking and problem-solving skills
5. Caters for a tactile learning style
6. Empowers adults and children to teach and learn in a supportive environment

GUIDELINES:

Classroom Programmes:

- Computer skills will be integrated into the classroom programme wherever possible. Planning will include an ICT component

Professional Development:

- Staff will have opportunities each year to participate in ICT professional development. School-wide programmes will be planned which incorporate outside "experts" and inside facilitators where needed
- Lead teachers will assist teachers with the introduction of new ICT applications and methods.
- School-wide administration such as planning, assessment and reporting may be carried out on computers.

Accessibility

- A variety of approaches will be used to maximize access to the hardware in the school
- Each class will have at least one session in the computer suite per week with possible access to the internet and e-mail.
- Other technology such as scanner, fax machine, phone and digital camera will be available during the working day and easily accessed by teachers.
- The BOT will explore ways to make the school's ICT resources available to the community

Expansion:

- There will be a planned programme for the purchase and maintenance of ICT equipment in the school
- There will be a planned programme for the replacement of computers according to the Strategic Plan
- A budget will be provided annually for the purchase of hardware, software, resources and the maintenance of equipment
- Planning and purchasing will be carried out after consultation with the ICT curriculum team, other staff, the BOT and the Principal

CONCLUSION:

Somerset Crescent School recognises the importance of the role ICT plays in enabling its students to participate effectively in the world of the future.