

## **New Hope Christian School ICT Policy Statement**

The policy statement will be reviewed annually to reflect the rapid development of the subject and its impact across all national curriculum subjects.

The school acknowledges how integral ICT is becoming to our society. In our ICT teaching we will explore the challenges and impact that reliance will bring. The school values the expanding role that ICT has in a child's education and where relevant will relate school based ICT work to ICT within the wider society.

The school has high expectations of children's ICT capabilities in terms of communicating, handling and monitoring data, controlling, modelling and information retrieval.

The school will use ICT as a source of information alongside more traditional media such as printed text. CD/DVD ROM's and on-line resources will be incorporated when looking at sources of information. Interactive whiteboards will be used on a regular basis.

The school will keep abreast of current developments in ICT and where possible hardware and software will be updated.

The school will reflect all developments within ICT in the ICT Action Plan, which will focus the school's long term objectives in terms of infrastructure, training and curriculum. The Action Plan will be monitored and updated on a yearly basis.

All parents and guardians of children attending the school must have signed an 'Internet Acceptable Use Policy' in the school handbook stating whether or not they want their child to have access to on-line resources.

The ICT teacher will monitor continuity and progression within the subject and maintain a portfolio of work highlighting expectations in terms of children's learning. The staff will develop and maintain their own ICT skills, knowledge and understanding through school and external agencies based training and/or initiatives. The school will provide a mechanism for technical support to minimise the time ICT hardware and software are unavailable to children and staff.

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