Computer education deals with the workings and applications of information Technology and the associated social impact of this.

1.0 PURPOSE OF POLICY

1.1 To ensure that all students have access to appropriate Learning Technologies in all areas of teaching and learning.
1.2 To incorporate the use of technology to support innovation and variety in teaching and student learning.
1.3 To encourage and support the skilful use of technology so that students and staff become increasingly technology literate.

2.0 PRINCIPLES

Computer education at Timboon P-12 School should:
2.1 Ensure students develop an understanding of a range of applications of computers, and be confident and competent in their use.
2.2 Ensure equal opportunity for all students, taking into account the schools resources.
2.3 Enable all students to develop their technology literacy.
2.4 Be taught by suitably qualified/experienced teachers.
2.5 Develop student interest and awareness in information Technology related issues.

3.0 HOW THIS POLICY WILL BE PUT INTO PRACTICE

3.0 To provide support, professional development and management so that Learning Technologies can be used effectively by all staff.
3.1 Students in P-6 will develop basic operational skills through the use of a variety of appropriate software and hardware.
3.2 A P-6 Scope and Sequence detailing the teaching and learning of technology literacy will be developed and implemented.
3.3 The year 8 computing curriculum will include further word processing, desktop publishing skills, spreadsheets, databases and internet proficiency.
3.4 Year 9/10 computing curriculum will offer students a choice of units in Information Technology and VET Information Technology.
3.5 The Learning Technology Manager will liaise to determine the availability of the computer facilities in the development of the computer program.
3.6 Where practical, class sizes will be limited to the number of computers available.
3.7 A timetable to enable the most efficient use of resources will be devised.
3.8 Information Technology skills will be developed across the curriculum.
3.9 Teachers will be encouraged by the school to continually update their computer knowledge and skills through regular Professional Development.
3.10 The school will be responsible for maintaining a stable, working and effective school network.

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