

# **St. Theresa's Primary School, Albion**

## **Information Technology Policy**

### **Rationale :**

Computer technology, when used effectively provides a unique and powerful opportunity to enhance student learning across the curriculum.

### **Beliefs :**

At St. Theresa's we believe that:

- The use of computer technology is an integral part of our student's education.
- The use of technology within the curriculum should be a positive experience that will enable the student to develop confidence and a sense of achievement.
- That every child should have access to computers.
- The use of computer technologies in the curriculum enhances the child's learning.
- Students require the necessary skills in order to function in the technologically changing world.

### **Aims :**

At St Theresa's we aim to:

- Enhance learning opportunities through the routine use of computer technology.
- Develop functional computer skills in all students and teachers..
- Give the children experience in the use of a range of computer related technologies. i.e. digital camera, imovie, claymation.
- Create a supportive environment for the development of computer skills in students and teachers.
- Keep up to date with ongoing technological change.

### **Implementation :**

- We will endeavour to allocate sufficient funds to ensure the quality upkeep of computers and related technologies.
- An Information Technology coordinator will be appointed to help provide whole school direction in the use of Information technology across the curriculum.
- The computer lab is provided for all classes to access.
- Computers are available in each of the senior classes for easy access.
- A computer is available in the teacher preparation room for teacher access during planning. Each teacher is provided with a USB removable memory.
- Relevant software will be purchased and updated when needed.
- Opportunities will be given to all staff members to include computer technology as an individual component of their professional development.

- The school has policy detailing the appropriate use of Internet and email usage.
- The school will endeavour to develop and maintain an up to date interactive website.
- The school will develop and promote the use of the school intranet.
- Information Technology will be treated as an integral part of the curriculum.
- The school will develop a scope and sequence chart from P-6. This will be revisited every two years so as to keep up with the increasing skills of our students.