Statement

MacKillop Catholic College will provide a learning environment in which the balanced and ethical use of contemporary information and communication technologies is integrated across the whole curriculum and is accessible to students, staff and parents.

Definition

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is the use of computers and peripherals, computer programs and the internet to gather, manipulate, store and transfer information.

Rationale

Learning outcomes, career opportunities, personal development and social responsibility are significantly dependent on the competent and discerning use of ICTs. This requires them to be effectively integrated into the curriculum and the organization of teaching and learning. The legal, ethical and responsible use must be encouraged and enforced.

Guidelines

1. Procedures and programs should be developed based on the principles and guidelines in “Information and Communications Technology Policy for Catholic Schools in Tasmania” promulgated by the Tasmanian Catholic Education Commission (TCEC).

2. A document based on the TCEC’s “Acceptable Use of Information and Communications Technology in Tasmanian Catholic Schools” should be developed to guide students and parents in the acceptable use of ICT as provided by MacKillop Catholic College and they should be required to sign an agreement prior to the initial use of ICT provided by the College.

3. A document based on the TCEC’s “Use of Electronic Facilities” should be developed to guide staff in the acceptable use of ICT as provided by MacKillop Catholic College and they should be required to sign an agreement prior to the initial use of ICT provided by the College.