Newport Lakes Primary School

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**Rationale**

At Newport Lakes Primary School eLearning gives our students and teachers the opportunity to explore curriculum possibilities, enabling increased engagement and involvement in learning. Learning experiences across the school are purposefully designed to develop the attributes of a lifelong learner. In this way, each student can develop and demonstrate the knowledge, skills, practices and attitudes necessary to be an independent and engaged citizen of the world.

eLearning at Newport Lakes Primary School is the use of Information and Communication Technology to redefine the way that we teach and learn.

Information and Communication Technology is a Domain within AusVELS comprising 3 standards:
- ICT for visual thinking
- ICT for creating
- ICT for communicating

**Goals**

Through eLearning opportunities students may:
- develop new thinking and learning skills that encourage creative and innovative insights
- develop a wider range of ways of working and solving problems individually and collaboratively
- create information products that demonstrate their understanding of concepts, issues, relationships and processes
- communicate locally and globally to solve problems and to share knowledge
- take advantage of the power and flexibility of mobile devices when working independently and in groups, and
- understand the implications of the use of communication technologies and their social and ethical responsibilities as users of them.

eLearning will involve:
- Research: We learn new things.
- Communication: We send and receive information.
- Creativity: We create and modify our work.
- Critical thinking: We ask questions.
- Visual thinking: We explore our thinking and ideas.
- Collaboration: We share our ideas and present our learning.

eLearning will reflect our five school values: resilience, respect, responsibility, critical thinking and compassion.
Implementation

- Teachers will plan how they will embed eLearning in their classrooms in teams. They will document their planning using the AusVELS standards, ensuring that eLearning is integrated with all domains.
- Teachers, students and parents will undertake sessions directly related to cyber-safety. The school is an eSmart school (see eSmart Policy).
- Coach(es) will be allocated time to support classroom teachers in ensuring the successful integration of eLearning. This may involve ongoing professional development, mentoring and coaching, and the provision of up-to-date knowledge that will support student learning.
- Provision of technology-rich classrooms – such as access to iPads, desktop computers, interactive whiteboards/TVs, printers and digital cameras, so as to involve students in a vast array of learning and teaching opportunities that are enhanced by the use of ICT.
- A rigorous process will be undertaken to select educationally appropriate applications and software, for classroom use.
- Information sessions will be provided for parents in order to communicate with them the ways in which eLearning happens in the classroom, and the ways in which parents can support their children at home with technology devices.
- eLearning will be evaluated by conducting an internal annual audit and by ongoing program review processes.

Evaluation

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's two-year review cycle.