INTRODUCTION
To ensure that this information is current we have hyperlinked to DECD Policies, which need to be adhered to in conjunction with this Policy.

Kilparrin Teaching and Assessment School and Services (Kilparrin) has identified the pivotal role of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) to enhance the Kilparrin school program, Statewide Support Services and research initiatives implemented at Kilparrin. Kilparrin is committed to the provision of contemporary ICT infrastructure and resources to enhance teaching and the learning outcomes and wellbeing of it’s students.

ICT AS A TECHNOLOGY FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING
Communication enabled by the use of ICT can facilitate the relationship between the family, the school, and the community, and provide new opportunities for parents and care givers to engage with teachers, learning programs, and their child’s progress.

Contemporary education integrates ICTs, engaging learners in ways not previously possible, creating new learning and teaching possibilities, enhancing achievement and extending interactions with communities. Networked tools and worksites connect school, home and community learning, increasing flexibility and supporting learning outside the boundaries of school buildings and the conventional school day.

The effective use of digital, mobile, interactive technologies has the capacity to improve and accelerate learning and the potential to transform teaching.

Teachers can use ICT to:
• empower students to purposefully select creative activities, applications and modes of communication
• present opportunities for students to be part of broader communities
• make learning activities, information, courses and feedback available to all
• increase parent access to student work and achievement.

Effective integration of ICT can transform pedagogies by empowering teachers to:
• connect with and learn from colleagues and students and participate in professional learning programs and collaborative projects
• evaluate, create and share online learning resources with colleagues and shape the development of resources and products.

INTERNET USAGE
Kilparrin staff are required to adhere to DECD ICT Security, Internet Access and Use, and Electronic Mail Access and Use policies, as well as the Kilparrin ICT Acceptable Use Policy.

LOAN EQUIPMENT
Equipment loaned to teachers is required to be returned during leave of absences longer than a fortnight.
LOSS, THEFT OR ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE TO ICT EQUIPMENT
Where a loss, theft or damage is the result of negligence, carelessness, inattention or apparent disregard for the ICT Equipment or malice, staff will be charged for the repair or replacement cost of a new ICT Equipment.

INSURANCE
Kilparrin strongly recommends staff add the loaned ICT Equipment as an item on their own ‘Home and Contents’ Insurance. Staff are encouraged to insure the ICT Equipment at home, at school and in transit to and from school.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION
DECD Standard  Acceptable Use Policies for Schools, Preschools and Children’s Services Sites
DECD Policy  ICT Security
DECD Policy  Internet Access & Use
DECD Policy  Electronic Mail Access & Use
DECD User Agreement  Mobile Communication Device User Agreement
DECD User Agreement  ICT Acceptable User Agreement

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