

## **Moyle Park College ICT Policy**

- **Introduction**

ICT Planning is in itself, very important and it is also an integral part of school development planning.

The policy of Moyle Park College, is to provide every pupil with the opportunity to endeavour to develop their skill, knowledge and understanding in ICT as part of a balanced curriculum. ICT can be used as a teaching and learning tool and provides a unique opportunity for cross- curricular engagement. This Policy has been developed in conjunction with the Acceptable User Policy and the Social Media Policy and is informed with the School Mission Statement.

- **Mission Statement**

Moyle Park College aspires to educate our students for;

- High standards of personal integrity.
- A sense of self-worth while having respect for the worth of others.
- A sense of social responsibility.
- A desire to participate fully in school life and society.
- A belief in justice and honesty.
- Independence with an acceptance of the interdependence that goes with being part of a community.
- A sense of wonder and a questioning spirit.

- **Aims of the ICT Policy**

- To achieve the highest possible standards of education.
- To help students and staff become autonomous users of ICT.
- To adequately support teachers in the use of ICT as a teaching tool.
- Foster a positive supportive ICT structure throughout the school.

- **Special Needs Education**

Moyle Park College recognises the need to integrate students with special needs such as those with physical or educational needs. We aim to continue to facilitate students with special physical needs with the provision of access and appropriate equipment.

- **Budgetary Provision**

There must be an on-going commitment by school management to continue to invest school funds in ICT.

Budgetary priorities for the future must include investment in equipment including appropriate broadband infrastructure and the upgrading of current hardware and software equipment.

- **Training Provision**

- Staff should be encouraged to continually develop their ICT skills.
- Where there is a group need for specific training, management should endeavour to provide staff and students with same.

- **Maintenance**

The college maintains a contract with *smartschools.ie*. They visit us monthly to upgrade and maintain our network and facilities.

A shared Google document is provided to identify issues with network and facilities that need attention.

- **Student ICT Provision**

The following arrangements are currently in place for the provision of ICT education in the school.

- Priority is given to those working on projects such as LCA and TY.
- ICT is timetabled for all First and Second Years.
- Other groups may be brought to the ICT Rooms by their respective subject teachers.
- Transition Year students are timetabled for use of ICT Rooms.
- ICT provided at Senior Cycle as part of Life Skills options on a modular basis.

- **ICT Steering Committee who meet regularly will** plan for future ICT provision and identify areas of training required.

- **Evaluation / Renewal**

Teaching staff will continue to review all teaching and learning in line with current ICT good practice and may identify areas for future development.

Pupils are required to sign an *'Acceptable Use policy for Internet Access for Students and Staff'* for computer use and internet access in the school.

*The Acceptable Use policy for Internet Access for Students and Staff and the Social Media Policy are reviewed on an ongoing basis.*

The ICT Policy was reviewed in January 2017 and was ratified by the BOM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Signed: Chairperson of the BOM: Mr. Tommy Flynn

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