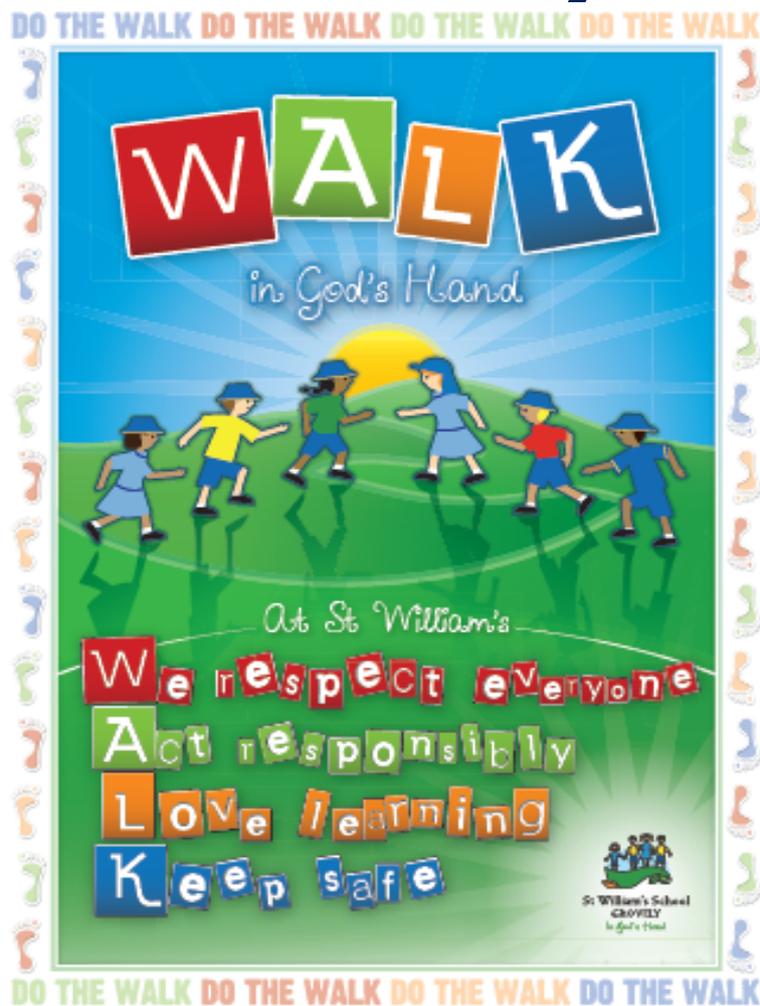


St William's Primary School, Grovely



Information Technology Statement

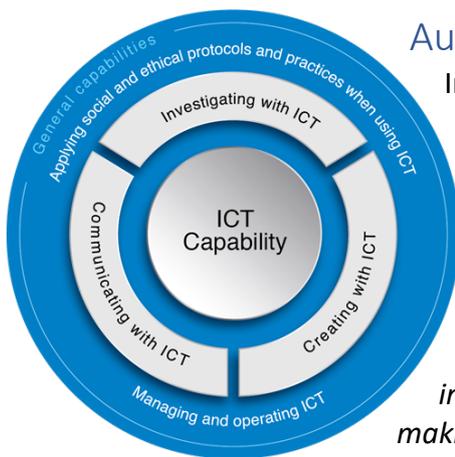
Revised June 2019
(Under Review)

Technology in the St William's Classroom

Increasing Information and Communication Technology (ICT) permeates every area of our society and lives. Students need to be equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to use ICT to support contemporary learning and living.

Technology describes:

- The creative processes used to develop products
- The products created through these processes
- The 'know-how' related to these processes and products
- The tools and equipment used.



Australian Curriculum

Information and Communication Technology is set as a general capability across the Australian Curriculum. Students will be engaged with ICT across all learning areas of the Australian Curriculum.

The rationale for ICT as a general capability states:
An important outcome of schooling is the competence students develop in using ICT for tasks associated with information access and management, problem-solving, decision-making, communicating, creative expression and empirical reasoning.

<https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/f-10-curriculum/general-capabilities/information-and-communication-technology-ict-capability/>

Technology at St William's School

Rationale

In partnership with parents/carers, students will be empowered to become digital citizens through the development of knowledge and skills to use and apply information communication technologies in real life tasks. These tasks include accessing and organising information, problem-solving, decision-making, communicating, creating and reasoning.

There are both benefits and challenges in the use of information technology, especially in online environments. As part of the home/school partnership we need parents/carers to foster an ICT environment outside of school that relies on parental permission and supervision of students' ICT use.

Statement

At St William's School students are expected to follow these Non Negotiables whilst using technology:

- ✓ Communicate respectfully
- ✓ Care for self, others and environment
- ✓ Right time, right place, right task.

This statement applies from Prep to Year 6. Students from Years 2 to 6 are asked to sign the statement to demonstrate an awareness of the expectations of ICT use at St William's. Parents/Carers are asked to sign this statement upon enrolling a student at the school. This statement aligns with the St William's School Non Negotiables statement.

Technology is a major focus at St William's School. The school has an Information Communication Learning Technologies Committee and an IT Support member of staff to assist in the planning, implementation and maintenance of our Technology Program.

The children of St William's School are provided with every opportunity to experience 'technology' in all its forms. They are assisted to develop the skills necessary to meet the demands of the present and future.

Each of our Prep to Year 3 classes have a bank of iPads. We continually upgrade our operating systems and Apps and the children are able to work with a variety of Apps and programs which develop thinking skills. Our Year 4 to Year 6 are part of our 1-to-1 Laptop Program where they too have a device which is continually upgraded. The 'Internet' can be accessed on all devices in our school, under close supervision by our staff. Our classrooms also have Interactive Whiteboards, access to digital cameras and videoing capabilities which enhances the learning and teaching environment. Our Parents and Friends Association are currently raising funds to upgrade our AV equipment in our classrooms which is very exciting.

We have been blessed to have Digital Technologies taught at St William's for the past two years by our Digital Technologies Teacher (in residence). Robotics, Coding, Spheros and the like have been purchased by St William's and continue to be used in our classrooms for learning experiences and projects alike.



St William's School takes a whole school approach to digital citizenship. Students from Prep to Year 3 are introduced to aspects of digital citizenship such as online safety and security as the needs of the students arise. Students in Years 4-6 more formally participate in programs for digital citizenship and are reminded daily by our staff on online content, online safety and security, and communication. Teaching our children to be safe online is a continual lesson that they undertake as Technology continues to increase in their lives and in their classroom.