Technologies Statement

St. James Primary School exists to promote the growth of Christian faith and lifelong learning, social development, and active and informed citizenship in our students. As a Catholic school community, we contribute to the full flourishing of all learners. (Horizons of Hope).

At St James, we are committed to implementing the Technologies domain from the Victorian Curriculum from Foundation (Prep) to Grade 6. The Technologies provide a framework for students to learn how to use technologies to create innovative solutions that meet current and future needs. Students are encouraged to make decisions about the development and use of technologies, considering the impacts of technological change and how technologies may contribute to a sustainable future. The curriculum provides practical opportunities for students to be users, designers and producers of new technologies.

Our Beliefs about Technologies

At St James we are committed to the following beliefs about Technologies
The school community believes that:
- **Learners need to learn how to use technologies to create, communicate, design and problem solve.**
- **The safety of learners is paramount.**

Learning Statement: **Learners need to learn how to use technologies to create, communicate, design and problem solve.**
At St James we….
- Use Digital Technology to enhance teaching and learning across the curriculum, incorporating multimedia and digital resources as part of all programs.
- Use Digital Technology to provide rich and stimulating learning experiences that will engage and motivate students for learning.
- Use Digital Technology as a means of efficient communication between teachers, students, parents and the wider community.

- Teach students about responsible use of Digital Technology and the skills to gain maximum benefit. i.e. Cybersafety
- Provide up to date information and communication technologies through a sequential and systematic plan for purchase and maintenance.
- Provide students with a Digital Technology specialist lesson once a week
- Provide classroom teachers with the opportunity to access the Multimedia Lab
- Support staff in keeping abreast of current technologies and their educational applications through Professional Development offered internally and externally.

Learning Statement: **The safety of learners is paramount.**
At St James we….
- Provide supervision and safeguards to ensure appropriate use of all Digital Technology and Internet access.
- Outlines expectations, responsibilities and procedures for Digital Technology use at St James through an "Acceptable Use Agreement" which students and parents sign at the start of each year.
- Conduct Cybersafety sessions by an outside agency every two years for staff, students and parents.
- Reinforce cybersafety strategies within classroom programs and the Multimedia specialist conducts specific Cybersafety programs with classes from Prep-6
- Ensure consent of Parents through a consent form giving the school permission to use student photos and work samples on the internet (school newsletter, website).

EVALUATION

This statement was developed in 2018 by the staff.
This statement will be reviewed as part of the school's four-year School Development Plan.