

Thornton School - E Learning

E-Learning is defined as learning and teaching that is facilitated by or supported through the appropriate use of information and communication technologies (ICTs). However, it is not simply associated with modes of delivery or the functionality of a particular technology, but forms part of a conscious choice of the best and most appropriate ways of promoting effective learning.

Purpose

1. E-Learning has the potential to transform the way teaching and learning takes place. It is about using technologies effectively across the curriculum to connect schools and communities and to provide accessible, relevant, and high-quality learning opportunities so that every student is better able to achieve their full potential.
2. The promotion of digital citizenship enables students to access and use e-learning approaches to enable safe, best practice learning. Learning about being safe online is an important part of this.

Teaching and learning

3. Best practice e-learning enables accessible, relevant, and high-quality learning opportunities that improve student engagement and achievement.
4. E-Learning can cover a spectrum of activities from supporting learning to blended learning (the combination of traditional and e-learning practices), to learning that is delivered entirely online. Whatever the technology, however, learning is the vital element.

The Thornton School Network

- The school network shall be overseen by the teacher with responsibility for ICT and the principal
- The school has installed Network for Learning (Ministry of Education approved) firewall software to prevent inappropriate sites appearing.

Use of the Internet

This is covered by the School Lap-top Responsible Use Policy and Lap-top agreement

- Staff will sign the laptop agreement when a laptop is provided.
- All staff and students will agree to be good Digital Citizens.

- Parents will be given the CyberSafety information upon enrolment and will give signed permission before students use these technologies. These documents are held in the school office.
- A teacher must be in the room whenever a student accesses the internet using a school computer.
- In general, no child will access the internet before and after school, playtime and/ or lunchtime. This includes access to cell phones or other devices.
- Any other use of the internet other than that specified above, must have the express permission of the teacher in charge of ICT
- Inappropriate content is not to be accessed during school hours and if discovered accidentally should be reported to a teacher immediately.
- Hand held devices such as cell phones or other technologies not approved for use in class, will not be used during school hours and the school will not take responsibility for any damage or loss.