

E-LEARNING

at Lauries



eLearning is the use of technology to complement and enhance the outcomes of teaching and learning.

Since the beginning of 2013, eLearning has been coordinating 'the strategic implementation of eLearning' at St Laurence's College. The success of this implementation has exceeded expectations, and was based on two initial primary objectives.

Firstly, it was necessary to identify all of the fantastic initiatives that have been part of the approach to technology at Lauries for many years, in order to find ways to promote effective practices across the learning areas.

By pulling together a group of key teachers across the school to form the eLearning Committee, and by talking to Heads of Department, this vast collection of great resources and approaches became very clear.

In reality, all learning areas had already engaged with eLearning in some way.

The library, under the direction of Cheryl Toohey, had also implemented a number of important initiatives – in terms

of both applications and training – to provide teachers with a plethora of technology options to enhance teaching and learning.

Following the identification of resources and approaches, the key task was to develop a way forward that built on the excellent work that had already been done.

To this end, the program worked closely with members of the College Leadership Team, the Curriculum Council and the Heads of Department, in addition to a number of other key staff, to develop a strategic vision for eLearning at Lauries. This was particularly important given the 1:1 tablet program that began this year.

The plan involved identifying short, medium and long term projects and their associated logistics and intended outcomes.

These projects were targeted at integrating the approach to eLearning across departments, and the ultimate goal was to foster a culture of close collaboration between teachers in order to identify the best practices possible.