

To further progress the understanding of the context, the program worked with Griffith University to survey teachers about their attitudes towards technology.

A year down the track, it is clear that the strategic vision is being realised and that staff at the College are fully committed to using technology to support and improve the learning outcomes of students at the College.

Central to this success has been the way that our eLearning strategy has incorporated Sloodle, our Learning Management System.

Research has suggested that using a Learning Management System – an online, virtual classroom – provides a focus that enables more successful learning, with less distraction, in the online environment. Sloodle enables teachers to collaborate on the creation of resources and activities for their classes, and for students to extend and enhance their

understanding of the learning completed in the classroom.

Compared to the same time last year, the usage of Sloodle has seen a 1,500% increase, with courses available across all departments as well as in co-curricular and pastoral areas.

This year, key staff are taking part in a structured eLearning project with external consultants to further enhance the St Laurence's approach to teaching and learning with technology.

It is a program that draws on best practice strategies supported by evidence gathered in numerous international contexts.

In this way, St Laurence's will continue to enhance the learning opportunities for all students at the College and we look forward to what is yet to come.

eLEARNING <i>SOME KEY PROGRAMS AT SLC</i>	
Sloodle	Our Learning Management System, where students can access resources and activities provided by teachers and collaborate on activities and assignments.
Google Apps	All students now have access to a secure Google account using the @slc.qld.edu.au domain, which enables them to access the Google Apps suite and cloud storage.
Lynda.com	Lynda.com is a professional online training package that provides expert tutorials and activities to help students and teachers master software applications, and various other topics, such as time management.
Clickview Online	An audio-visual resource that provides access to television shows, documentaries and feature-length films, as well as learning resources, to support teaching and learning in the classroom.
eTextbooks	A number of departments are now using eTextbooks through Pearson, Jacaranda and other companies. These textbooks provide dynamic opportunities to engage with learning that are not available in traditional, paper-based textbooks.
Turnitin	Turnitin in the premiere plagiarism and assignment submission and marking software available internationally. Teachers use this to provide valuable feedback to students about their draft and final assessment submissions.

