ICT POLICY

Introduction

Tullow Community School recognises the value of integrating ICT into teaching within our classrooms. In view of this we have adapted our classrooms in order to equip our teachers with modern and up-to-date technologies. These technologies will greatly enhance the opportunities for our students to develop the necessary skills to prepare them for the modern world.

Objectives

- To expand and enhance the IT skills of students entering our school

- To prepare students for life in a technologically advanced workplace

- To encourage students in the use of ICT in their homework

- To teach students to use ICT responsibly and to have respect of related equipment

- To use ICT as an incorporated teaching method within the classroom in order to improve the teaching and learning of a subject

- To promote and support teachers in the use of ICT in education

- To use ICT in the education of students with Special Educational needs

- School Technological Facilities

Computer Room

Our school has three fully equipped computer rooms with sixty computers connected onto the server with high speed broadband and a wide range of applications. The computer room is accessible to timetable classes only.

Classrooms

All our classrooms are equipped with:
- Computers
- Wireless connection
- White board
- Data projector
- Sound system
- Printer

Library

In our library our students have access to six computers for research. Students are supervised at all times.

Staff Room

Our staff room is equipped with two computers and a printer and has full access to the internet. These provide our staff with ease of access to our network in order to assist with class preparation.

Security

Our school has wireless broadband throughout, which is protected by an encrypted password and access to sites are filtered by the Department of Education.

Students are not permitted access to the internet without supervision or allowed access to sites that contain obscene, illegal, hateful or otherwise objectionable materials as per our Schools Internet Usage Policy. Students are obliged to report accidental accessing of inappropriate materials in accordance with school procedures.