School ICT Planning Process

This guide will assist schools to plan for the effective use of information and communication technology (ICT) in their everyday practices to improve learning, teaching and administration.

A number of Victorian Government initiatives create a new ICT landscape for schools. Such initiatives include VicSMART wide area network, eduSTAR (internet service, wireless network, software image, technical support) and digital learning resources.

1. **What do we have? (PREPARING)**
2. **What do we need to do? (PLANNING)**
3. **Putting it into action (IMPLEMENTING)**
4. **Is it working? (EVALUATING)**

The challenge for schools is to create engaging, supportive learning environments and opportunities that stimulate, extend and deepen student learning. These environments should incorporate seamless use of the technologies students use so ubiquitously in their daily lives.

Planning needs to take into account the infrastructure and technologies available and the emerging digital technologies of today's and tomorrow's students, and to develop appropriate and targeted strategies to support improved learning and teaching.

**The eLearning Planning Guide** supports eLearning planning as an integral part of your School Strategic and Annual Implementation Plans.

**The Digital Learning Showcase** has school stories, planning and vision documents, advice on assessment and reporting, curriculum and learning resources, professional learning, using 1-to-1 and eduSTAR. A collection of practical resources highlighting what’s happening in schools.
**Global2**

Global2 is the department’s blogging site that allows teachers to set up a class space for online collaboration. On Global 2 you can:

- Add blog posts and comments
- Collaborate on a wiki
- Set up discussion forums

**FUSE**

FUSE is the department’s content repository where you can:

- Search for endorsed content designed for teachers, early childhood, primary and secondary students.
- Filter searches by AusVELS levels and learning categories.
- Upload your own content for private use or to share
- Create resource packages.
- Embed videos into a blog or wiki.
- Suggest resources for endorsement.

**Virtual Conferencing**

Victorian schools have access to many virtual conferencing tools including:

- Polycom
- Blackboard Collaborate (formally known as Elluminate) DEECD’s Virtual Conference Centre.
- Microsoft Lync
- Skype

**EduSTAR**

The EduSTAR image is available for all teacher and student computers. Over 80 software applications are available to support all areas of the curriculum.

EduSTAR is available for Windows and Mac