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## **Information Technology in Learning**

### **RATIONALE:**

Macleans College is a large secondary school committed to academic excellence. The Board of Trustees acknowledges that Information Technology systems must play a large part in supporting the learning systems required to achieve best practice.

### **PURPOSES:**

The Macleans College Board of Trustees encourages staff to seek best practice in the use of Information Technology in learning, both by internal investigation and by searching for best practice in education generally.

### **GUIDELINES:**

- 1 It is recognised that support of a networked Information Technology system of the size required is a high cost venture, made more so by the fast changing technology involved, changing uses, and growth in size. For this reason the Board of Trustees wish to have a medium term financial plan in place to provide a guide for foreseeable financial needs over a period of 3 years.
- 2 The financial Information Technology plan is to be supported by a review of current technical and software infrastructure, accompanied by an analysis of known future trends. This report should relate the technical development to the reported curriculum requirements and also to the administrative needs of the school.
- 3 It is important that this high cost system should be seen to be providing benefits which can justify the costs involved. For this reason the Trustees require annual reporting on the changing benefits accruing to students from the system, and an account of trends in best practice.

The Macleans College Board of Trustees wishes to review this aspect of expenditure and student benefit through an IT report at every finance meeting. This would be best done prior to the preparation of the next year's budget. Reporting prior to the August Board of Trustees would be a good time.

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### **COMMITMENT:**

The Macleans College Board of Trustees recognises that Information Technology systems for use in a secondary school is now such a core adjunct to learning that the services provided must be of the highest quality – both in range of service delivery and quality.