

ICDL for Schools

The ICDL (International Computer Driving License) programme is used in a wide range of high schools throughout Australia. The flexible nature of the ICDL has seen it implemented in a number of ways depending on the individual circumstances of the school and its own curriculum needs. Some examples of how ICDL is used across Australian schools are as follows:

Queensland Christian School

This school offers the ICDL exams to its Computer students in Year 9 and 10, with the final exam completed in Year 10 (so they qualify for the 2 QSA points). Computer lessons are scheduled for three periods, of 45 min each, per week with extra practice and exercises done in-between the exams.

Queensland Anglican School

This school teaches IT skills in Year 7 and then introduce the ICDL qualification for Year's 8 and 9. Each class has one 45 minute IT period, per week, for the entire year. IT is taught as part of the Technology and Enterprise learning area. As such IT, it is classed as a separate subject and is reported on each semester.

Staff support: Most of the staff involved in the ICDL programme have completed the relevant modules and obtained their ICDL licences.

NSW Grammar School

ICDL is taught across Years 7 and 8 each week for approximately one hour per week as a separate subject (Information Technology). Three modules are covered in year 7 with the remaining four Modules taught in year 8. The Database Module proved too difficult for year 8 students so an intensive two days dedicated to databases in year 9 now forms part of the programme.

Staff support: All teaching Staff have all gone through the ICDL programme as part of a school wide requirement to improve ICT competence.

Victoria Catholic School for Girls

ICDL is taught as a separate subject for Year 10 students across one Semester. Teaching and supervision of the ICDL programme is the equivalent of five 80 minutes classes per fortnight.

South Australia group of Secondary Schools

ICDL is taught in Years 9 and 10 as a separate subject with approximately 28 lessons per week over the four schools – equating to seven 50 minute lessons per week per school.

Teacher support: All staff went through the ICDL qualification prior to it being implemented in the four school locations.