



International Computer Driving Licence Project 2004

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St Andrew's Cathedral School has mandated the International Computer Driving Licence for all members of staff for 2004. This project will ensure that staff members have a minimal level of competency in office applications.

The New South Wales Board of Studies has indicated that the Computing Skills Assessment in Year Ten (CSA10) is to be mandatory for all students from 2006. All teaching staff must now have the skills necessary to prepare students for this examination. St Andrew's was involved in the online pilot of this examination during 2003.

The computer-related competencies for the CSA10 are now integrated into the teaching programmes for all Key Learning Areas. Students are therefore able to learn and to exercise technological skills within the various contexts of study.

The ICDL embraces the vast majority of the competencies that are to be examined within the CSA10. It is therefore regarded as an excellent training and testing mechanism for the CSA10.

The school has piloted the ICDL for two years with small groups of students and staff. It is therefore ready to be introduced to the staff as a means of professional development and as a precursor to later implementation with interested students.

The school was the first in Australia to implement ICDL training and testing via the World Wide Web. This process enables training anywhere and at any time. It also gives immediate feedback at testing time.