The design and technology Learning Area provides a holistic learning experience for all students through three strands:

- critiquing
- designing
- making

Critiquing involves making judgments about the thoughts and actions of self and others as designers, makers and users of products, processes and systems. This is ongoing and becomes a ‘way of working’ for the learner before, during and after designing and making.

Designing is about change and choice-making. As students gain confidence as designers, they realise that they can personally effect change.

Making involves many ways of creating products, processes and systems. Students learn a range of techniques using different materials and equipment to create products, processes and systems.

Balaklava Primary School continues to expand student and staff skills and access to computers and Information Communication Technology (ICT) through both its resource management and staff training. Staff will continue their professional development throughout 2007, resulting in a Certificate 1 ICT qualification. Our focus is to embed the use of ICTs throughout our curriculum, thereby enabling students to become computer literate and comfortable with using a range of technologies.