Anywhere, anytime learning program

The school’s Anywhere, Anytime Learning Program is a student take home laptop program for students in Years 9 to 12. The program provides students with personal portable computers to enhance their learning opportunities. 1 (student) to 1 (computer) programs are an important part of an international move towards individualising or personalising learning. The program is offered to help support independent and self-directed learning and extend learning beyond the classroom. Students who have their own laptops have been found to take greater ownership of their learning and also develop critical digital literacy skills.

A student take home laptop program is being implemented at the school to:

- Support a move to more personalised learning;
- Help differentiated learning to support the learning needs of all students;
- Provide access to online learning materials and learning resources;
- Allow greater communication and collaboration between learners;
- Encourage greater engagement in the learning process and;
- Extend learning outside the classroom.

The take home laptop computer being supplied at present is the Acer Aspire 1830 which is super light; less than one inch thin; provides 3G connectivity and designed to run all day on a single battery charge. Features include:

- Intel Core i3 processor
- 4 GB memory
- 11.6 inch screen
- 320 GB storage
- Wireless network connection
- 3G connectivity including data plan (2Gb per month included)
- Student helpdesk
- 1.38kg in weight
- Integrated webcam
- Full sized keyboard
- Six-hour battery
- Four year warranty
- Accidental damage protection
- Crush-proof protective cases

The laptop is installed with all required school software including Windows 7 (Managed Operating Environment); Office 2010; Adobe CS5.5 Master Collection and subject specific software e.g. AutoCAD. The laptop is able to be kept by students for the duration of their enrolment at the school – including holidays.

Although the laptop is free for parents (the laptop is bought with funding from the National Secondary School Computer Fund) an annual school laptop contribution fee of $150 is
payable by parents to cover school technical support and software. Before the laptop is issued, parents are required to pay their child’s Resource Hire fees and the laptop contribution fee. Students must also be up to date with their Resource Hire fees to continue in the program.

Students who are interested in the program are required to read and complete the school’s Laptop Charter and Loan form. These are available from the website or the IT Room at school.

If you have any questions about the Anywhere, anytime learning program please do not hesitate to contact me.

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