

New Notebook Computers for Students Program (NCSP)

Next year Healesville High School students will have the opportunity to have 'anywhere, anytime' use of a portable computer for their sole use. Students will have 24 hour access to this computer. This exciting and low cost innovation will provide students with unprecedented access to new technology and 21st Century learning.

This program involves each student having access to a computer upon payment of a computer levy. Parents who wish for their child to participate in the program will be required to commit to a three year program (for Year 7-10 students) and other set arrangements for VCE students. Families would enter into a written arrangement with the school and will be required to meet the details of that arrangement to have continued access to the program.

There will be three (3) options available for families wishing their child to access a computer for their child.

- Option 1** ACER Aspire Pro Netbook (10.1" screen)
- Option 2** ACER Aspire Timeline Netbook (11.6" screen)
- Option 3** Apple Macbook



These options include the provision of software, maintenance, technical support and a 3 year warranty.

There will be opportunities for parents to gain more information about the program by referring the proposed timeline of key events.

- 14th October** Information Pack mailed home to every family
- 19th October** Parent Information session 7.30pm at the school
- 20th October** Repeat Parent Information session 7.30pm at the school
- 30th October** Parents sign a school agreement for entry into the program
- 2nd November** School places order for computers
- 27th – 29th January** Parents collect computers

I urge all parents to consider the significant educational opportunity that this program creates for our children. Programs such as these have resulted in improved educational access and learning improvements for students.

