15 February 2013

Dear Year 9 Parent or Carer,

This term, all students in Year 9 will be eligible to receive an “X 131e” Lenovo laptop specifically tailored to the NSW Department of Education requirements. This has been funded by the National Secondary School’s Computer Fund which is part of the Federal Government’s Digital Education Revolution.

The Digital Education Revolution is part of a global movement towards providing 21st century skills to students.

Studies where each student has access to wireless computing show:
- Increased student motivation, engagement and interest.
- Improved student organisation and improved self-directed learning.
- Increased academic achievements and better work habits.
- Improved communication.

Each laptop comes with dozens of software packages including the latest generation Microsoft and Adobe products. This gives NSW students and teachers access to the largest and most comprehensive distribution of software in any education system worldwide. The Department of Education has also invested in world class wireless networking that provides wireless internet access to every classroom. The Department of Education has also provided full-time onsite technical support for secondary schools as well as professional learning for teachers.

On 25 February we are holding a parent information evening regarding the issue of the laptops and the special requirements and rules for their use.

A starter package containing a wealth of information about the Digital Education Revolution will be distributed. This package contains -
1. Digital Education Revolution Booklet
2. Laptop User Charter
3. Taking Care of Your Laptop

The ‘Laptop User Charter’ will need to be signed and returned to the school before your daughter is issued with a laptop.

We look forward to sharing this information with you at this meeting which will be held in the school hall at 7:00 pm on Monday 25 February 2013.

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Principal

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