

# 1:1 Netbook Program Overview

Mill Park Heights Primary School



*Mill Park Heights Primary School students learn to develop and demonstrate the knowledge, skills, practices and attitudes necessary to be an engaged, robust, 21st century citizen capable of shaping our future*

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# Access to learning anywhere, anytime

Mill Park Heights Primary School will be providing our students the best educational opportunities through the introduction of a netbook program.

## What is a 1:1 netbook program?

1:1 refers simply to the student-to-computer ratio. This program entails students having consistent access to their own personal computer, both at school and at home. These devices will be capable of full connection to our school network through a wireless connection, and will be 'connected' at all times to web resources, communication and collaboration tools such as email, blogs, wikis and Internet services.



## **More Than 'Just a Computer'...**

For some time now, teachers at Mill Park Heights have been committed to the successful integration of technology into teaching programs. Having students equipped with a personal computer will see a continuation of shift toward student-centered learning. The opportunities that will present to participants in the program include: -

- Students being able to access homework tasks and school information anytime a wireless or LAN connection exists.
- An ability to research topics online, download teacher supplied digital content, access email, work in collaboration with others, submit assignments, think with visual tools and apply critical thinking skills.
- Flexible learning spaces. It is long understood that not all students learn best when completing the same task, sitting in rows, in a restricted environment. These portable devices will fit into catering for the needs of each INDIVIDUAL. They will not be used all day, every day, but frequently and when the learning required is suited to the tool.

## **Introducing your child – The Digital Native**

They are students who are shaped by their environment. The environment they are exposed to is media rich, immediate, fast, engaging, dynamic and instant. It's electronic and digital; it's a communication medium with instant gratification. Digital Natives, those people who, through consistent exposure to these factors and access to a variety of digital media, whose brains are adapted to using these tools; are engaged and motivated by the use of digital technologies. They are adept in the use of digital medium and they are wired to use these tools.



# What's Included?



## A participant in this program receives:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Netbook</li></ul>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comprehensive insurance with a low \$50 excess (vital in case of accidental damage)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Warranty service through Learning with Technology during term breaks</li></ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Protective Hard Case</li></ul>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Edustar Image including a variety of DET licensed and open source programs</li></ul>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ability to use the netbook 24/7, with or without internet.</li></ul>           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 Year manufacturer's warranty</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wireless internet access at school</li></ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 48 Hour Technical Support Turnaround</li></ul>                                 |

### **What if the netbook is used for inappropriate purposes?**

This will be seen as a breach of our school ICT Code of Conduct and the device will be banned for a period of time. It may also be restored to its original image.

### **Will we be able to add software?**

Yes, this will be an option; however, software must be licensed. In the event that the netbook must be reimaged previously installed software will be erased and the additional software must be reinstalled at home.

### **Who will pay for printing and internet downloads?**

At school, the costs for printing are covered by the booklist and filtered internet downloads are provided by DET. At home, families may decide to provide a broadband internet connection or not. This is a family responsibility.

# Frequently Asked Questions

### **What if my child forgets his netbook at home?**

In this case the child will simply be without the computer for the day. As a significant amount of work will be completed utilising the netbook, this will result in a loss of productivity.

### **How will I afford this?**

Payments can be made either in an annual lump sum, or through instalments each term. Our preferred payment is Qkr.

### **When will they arrive?**

The netbooks will be distributed as close to the start of Term 1 as is possible after being setup and tested at school.

### **Will another child use my child's netbook?**

No. Students will have exclusive use of their machine. While at times students will be working collaboratively, students will not loan their computer to others to use.

### **Can I bring my own device?**

No. Home devices are not configured to the school network. Home devices may not be licensed to use at school and issues may not be resolved in an appropriate time frame.

For further information please go to our school website <http://www.millparkhtsps.vic.edu.au/ict-policies/>