Dear Parents/Carers,

The National Secondary School Computer Fund (NSSCF) was the major funding element of the Australian Government’s Digital Education Revolution (DER). It assisted with the provision of new computers and other information and communication technologies (ICT) equipment for students in Years 9 to 12 over the last 4 years.

The aim of the NSSCF was to work with schools to manage an ongoing computer to student ratio of 1-to-1 for students in Years 9 to 12. Corinda State High successfully achieved a 1-to-1 target for students in Years 9 to 12 during early 2011.

Funding from this program enabled the school to purchase laptops for any use within the schools context including students at home. The take home program provided students with access to a device 24/7 for an annual cost. This covered the infrastructure, software and tech support we offered with the devices. The NSSCF funding ceased in 2013 and as such we can no longer fund the replacement of so many devices across our campus.

Currently we have around 800 laptops funded from the NSSCF which are split across students in our take home program and our laptop trolleys in classrooms.

We intend to continue to maintain our desktop computer labs (6 rooms) with the small amount of technology funding we do receive. Into the future, we will be unable to replace the tablets/laptops which are currently used by our take home program and in our trolleys. To continue to allow students access to devices, we have had to move to a parent funding model which involves two choices.

- **BYOx Device** – This will allow students to bring a privately owned device to the school but they will only receive limited tech support. The infrastructure expansions and connection support has been covered by an increase to our technology levy which is paid by all students.

- **Take home device program** – Students have the option to hire a device from the school for a yearly fee. This device comes with full software package and is fully supported by the school with all services fully operational (printing, network drives, software and tech support). It also has full accidental damage coverage insurance which incurs an excess fee for each claim.

More details are available on the Corinda SHS website – [https://corindashs.eq.edu.au/](https://corindashs.eq.edu.au/)

Please keep an eye on the newsletters and on the school website for updates. If you have any questions please contact Mr Ryan Webb at rwebb67@eq.edu.au

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