Corinda State High School
Take Home Laptop Program

Not only for today but for tomorrow also

Corinda State High School aims to underpin all learning at our school with state-of-the-art digital technology in a digital school environment. The provision of a take home Laptop Program will certainly advance this aim. In order to meet the needs of the first connected generation of students where technology is a standard, Corinda State High School is continuing the Take Home Laptop Program in 2014.

Our students belong to ‘Generation Y’, and have grown up in a technologically rich world. Their use of technology is often seamless and they thrive in the ‘connectedness’ of this digital environment.

Our school has a strong focus on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) literacy that will enable students to be successful global citizens in the 21st century. ICT is a significant feature in our school’s strategic plan and we have invested heavily to support this very exciting program.

Our goal is to ensure that all students have access to unlimited opportunities to learn anytime, anywhere and that they have the tools that make this possible.

1 to 1 learning provides students with personal portable computers to maximise their opportunities for learning. Portable devices such as this will help our school engage the digital generation by nurturing individual learning experiences.

Our staff have fully researched models and visited interstate schools to ensure they have the appropriate infrastructure and support in place. From this research our staff have clearly defined the vision and culture for 1 to 1 learning across our school community, planned effective technical infrastructure and support, and delivered ongoing professional learning for our staff.

1 to 1 programs are an element in an international move towards individualising learning, which can increase independence and self-initiated learning in students and extend their learning beyond the classroom. Students who have their own device have been found to take greater pride and ownership over the knowledge they create, with a flow-on to more flexible forms of schooling.

1 to 1 programs have been found to extend formal learning communities to include parents or carers, siblings and other people important in students’ lives. Also, the programs may lead to initiating global communication and collaboration and develop creative expression.

I am very exciting about the journey in which we are about to embark and I am confident that this initiative will provide a whole new range of learning opportunities beyond our classroom walls. Every child, every opportunity….
TAKE HOME LAPTOP PROPOSAL

The school will provide one commercial grade laptop built to premium specifications for every student in 2014 who participates in the program.

Our teachers play an essential role in the effective implementation of the 1-1 initiative, and as such staff will engage in further professional development to ensure a smooth and successful transition to digital learning.

Our school infrastructure, policies and most importantly our curriculum is undergoing a rigorous renewal to ensure that we are able to deliver the highest quality service to your child. Online learning environments are being established to ensure your child has access to their learning 24/7, 365 days a year.

ADVANTAGES

✔ Education Queensland’s enormous purchasing power provides excellent value for money
✔ Laptop becomes the student’s own personal device as long as they are enrolled at CSHS and eligible to remain in this program
✔ Exclusive use of a commercial grade, high end laptop and software at a fraction of the retail cost of a similar device, 24/7 365 days a year
✔ Laptop is owned, maintained and supported by CSHS
✔ Students have exclusive access to school operated Help Desk
✔ Accidental damage, loss and theft insurance—at home and school
✔ In the case of failure, a hotswap laptop shall be supplied until replacement or repair of device if delay long than 48 hours
✔ 3G connectivity for EQ filtered internet access anywhere, anytime
✔ Wireless connectivity and access to network drives, internet, online classroom learning
✔ A strong, sturdy carry bag
The Device: Acer 1830

A Thin, Light, Sophisticated Laptop.

Device Features
- Intel Core i3-370M (2.40GHZ)
- 4GB (2x2GB DDR3 1066MHZ)
- 320GB HDD
- 11.6” HD Widescreen
- No Optical Drive
- 3G Connectivity—2GB a Month

Service/Support
- Acer 24/7 Support - World-class phone, email and web based support
- School-based technical support to ensure that issues are dealt with on-site.

Included Software
- ArcGIS
- Microsoft Kodu
- Alice
- Scratch!
- PicPick
- Audacity
- ClickView Player
- MS Expression Encoder
- MagicDisc
- Format Factory
- VLC Media Player
- Subject Specific software on demand ie. Adobe CSS and AutoCAD
- Microsoft Office 2010
- Symantec Endpoint Protection (Malware, Antivirus)
- BlueCoat Filtering (based on K9 web-protection)
- CompuTrace - Software to help combat theft of the device

Each laptop will be:
- Linked to the Education Queensland Network and have filtered internet and email
- Used at home and at school
- Installed with central data storage, common file access, backup and network software resources
- Protected by Education Queensland anti virus tools and automated updates
- Repaired by Acer technicians organised as part of the purchase agreement
- Provided with a long life battery which can be run for extended periods without charging

Costs

The Take Home Laptop Program has a annual fee of $150.00 and this must be paid before the allocation of a device.

Additional charges may be incurred with repeated issues requiring Accidental Damage Protection.

These will incur a excess fee of
- $50 for the first incident
- $100 for the second incident
- $150 for all subsequent incidents.
- Incidents deemed non-accidental or undue care/attention will result in full repair costs.

Incidents in which the student can not provide an explanation of how the damage occurred do not fall under ADP and therefore result in the full repair cost being passed to parents / guardians.

This program does not cover telecommunication charges such as home internet usage or other costs associated with using the device, such as subscriptions to services.

**Students are required to continue in the program until the end of their enrolment at Corinda SHS.**
**Payment Information**

The annual fee to participate in the Take Home Laptop Program has been set as low as possible to encourage all families to take part in the program.

The payment options available to families participating in the program include total payment made by credit card, eftpos, cheque or cash.

The annual fee must be paid in full before the laptop is provided to your child. If your child leaves Corinda State high School during the school year a refund per semester will be calculated and the laptop must be returned to the school.

Please refer to the Corinda SHS NSSCF Charter on the school website for full details.

**Students MUST be up to date on all school fees for entry into the program.**

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**Additional Information**

As the device is school-owned at all times, it is mandatory that anything installed on the machine is a fully-licensed copy of the software. The device is intended to be used for learning. As such usage of the device for gaming is discouraged.

The device will be 'spot-checked' from time to time and students may need to prove that they own and are licensed for any of the software or media (including music and movies) on their device. Spot-checking can and will happen remotely without the student knowing.

Acer’s Accidental Damage Service offers the support needed when accidents happen to your device. This service covers repair and replacement for various accidental damage, not covered under limited warranty, including spills, drops, surges, and breakage to select systems or peripherals. **Theft, malicious and undue care damage is not included. The parent/guardian will be liable for the replacement cost of the device.**

**Support/Infrastructure:**

- Acer’s 24/7 Support. Students can use the Support line for after-hours help and advice— (1800) 819 713
- Next Business Day support with Accidental Damage Protection
- School-based technical support to troubleshoot and interface with Acer Warranty support
- Student-based Intranet
- High-speed bandwidth supplied at school (GWIP 20Mbit)

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**How to receive the device in 2014**

1. Read the **Corinda SHS student NSSCF charter** under the Take Home Laptop Program section of the schools website.

2. Return the **Corinda SHS student NSSCF charter agreement form** AND pay the $150 yearly fee to the Corinda SHS payments office before 29th of Nov 2013 (week 8 Term 4)

3. The student will be notified when the device is ready for pickup from the library via email or form class in 2014.

For any more information please contact:

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