Take Home Laptop Programme
Information Sheet
Years 9-10, 2012

The Programme
In 2012, Flagstone State Community College will introduce a Takehome Laptop Programme for students in Years 9 and 10. This initiative is a result of the Commonwealth Government's National Secondary School Computer Fund (NSSCF), which will provide us with a further 316 computers, bringing the ratio of computers to students in Years 9-12 to 1:1.

Education Queensland, in its management of this NSSCF programme for Queensland state schools, has negotiated a bulk purchase of laptops, allowing us to introduce a Takehome Laptop programme which will permit each student in Years 9 and 10 in 2012 to have exclusive use of their own laptop to use at school and at home, for the remainder of their time at the school.

The laptops provided to students through the NSSCF programme will greatly enhance student learning, both at school and at home. To help us achieve this goal it is important that students and parents/or caregivers lend their support to this valuable program. Strong support from parents or caregivers is paramount to ensure the program is successful across the state and students gain the maximum benefit.

Information Evening
An information evening was recently held at the school to explain how this programme will work and the associated costs. If you were unable to attend the evening, the information and presentation will be available on the school website (www.flagstonescc.eq.edu.au) from the 15th October 2011. It is recommended that you view the information evening presentation on the school website to gain a better understanding of the programme and a breakdown of the costs. Attached to this letter are the handouts provided at the information evening.

National Secondary Schools Computer Fund – Student Laptop Charter Agreement
If you wish to be part of this program, please read the National Secondary School Computer Fund – Student Laptop Charter Booklet which will be available on the school website. The purple National Secondary Schools Computer Fund – Student Laptop Charter Agreement must be returned to the school by Monday the 31st October 2011. This will confirm your placement in the program.

On the Charter Agreement, you are also required to select:

1. the level of Bluecoat internet filtering you wish to have on the laptop (medium or high). To help you make a decision, the light green Blue Coat form identifies which categories of URLs will be allowed and blocked through the department’s internet filtering system. You will need to refer to the columns under the heading ‘Proxy Client Filtering’. Please ensure you select the right filtering level for you son/daughter as it requires a complete rebuild of the laptop to change the level. Due to this, you’ll only be able to change the level once per year.

2. whether you ‘agree’ or ‘do not agree’ to provision of elevated access on the laptop. It is recommended that you ‘agree’ to have elevated access, as this enables you to install printers and personal internet you may have at home on the laptop.

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Cost
The Commonwealth Government only supplied the State Government with enough funding for the device and some minor on costs. It costs the College money to provide students with additional items associated with the laptops. These additional items include:
- Additional Technical support
- Hot swap laptops
- Protective skins
- Lockers – for safe storage at school
- Additional school software licences

These costs have been endorsed by the College’s P&C Association. Therefore, students in the Take Home Programme will be issued with a commercial grade, high specification laptop with quality software for only a fraction of the cost. It will cost $190 per year to participate in the Take Home Laptop Programme.

How Can I Participate?
1. Return the signed Charter to school by Monday the 31st October 2011 to reserve your place in the Programme.
2. Pay the following amounts before the 18-20 January, 2012 (student free days):
   a. $190 – Take Home Laptop Program
   b. $100 – First Instalment of the Student Resource Scheme 2012
      (If you think of it as a layby… it is just under $21 per week between 17/10/11 & 20/1/12 (14 weeks)).

Payment Information
Payments can be made to the College anytime between now and the student free days 2012 via:
   a. Cash & credit card payments during allocated cash window opening hours (see below).
   b. Direct deposit (24/7 – including holidays) – see the attached dark green sheet which provides direct deposit details for the programme and also the Student Resource Scheme.

School Cash Window hours:
8.30am – 8.55am
11.00am – 11.25am
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Closed Tuesday

Require More Information?
If you were unable to attend the evening, the information and presentation from the information evening (held on the 11th October) will be available on the school website (www.flagstonescc.eq.edu.au) from the 15th October 2011. It is recommended that you view the information evening presentation on the school website to gain a better understanding of the programme and a breakdown of the costs. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school and we will provide you with a copy of the documentation from the website.

If you have any additional questions regarding the program, you can refer to the FAQs section on the school website or post them on http://www.wallwisher.com/wall/takehomelaptopfscc. Alternatively, you can contact the school via phone or email laptop@flagstonescc.eq.edu.au.

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