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Lalor Secondary College Netbook Program

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I write to inform you of the opportunity for your child to be involved in the Lalor Secondary College Netbook Program. Since 2011 when we first trialled the netbook program at Lalor, the response from our senior students has been excellent. The current program allows for our Year 10 students to have access to the program and therefore a netbook. We recognise and promote the use of IT as a valuable tool in students’ learning and our teachers and programs incorporate IT beyond simply research. Hence we ask you to consider your child being part of the program.

To ensure inclusion in the Netbook Program students must attend an information session with their parent as there are expectations and responsibilities that must be explained to parents before a netbook can be issued.

We were very pleased with how the program has developed and students’ level of responsibility over the last three years, due in major part to the emphasis placed on the information provided to students and parents. As you can appreciate, such an endeavour requires complete understanding of the expectations and responsibilities involved. Before a student is eligible to be included in the program they must attend the information evening with their parents, where the requirements of the program will be explained.

The mandatory Parent Information Evening for students and parents of Year 10 students will be held on Tuesday 17th February, 2015 in the Drama Centre at 6:30pm. Students whose parents do not attend will not be eligible to receive a netbook. This will be the only opportunity for parents to receive the compulsory information. Should you not be able to attend, it is expected that parents will contact the school personally to inform the Student Managers. Any student whose parent / guardian does not attend this evening will not be eligible for the personal learning device (netbook).

Parents/guardians are asked to note that the agreement you will be asked to fulfil includes a $20.00 per term fee that covers insurance, maintenance and management of netbooks (including warrantee), IT support, ensuring infrastructure support for the netbook, provision of additional software and upgrades and a carry case. Once this agreement is returned to school, students will be issued with their netbook.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all students and we encourage all parents and students to attend this evening so that necessary information is gained to make an informed decision about whether your child should be included in the program.

We look forward to seeing you at the evening.

Regards,

S. Sena
College Principal