Dear Parent / Guardian,

As you may be aware, late 2011, we trialled a netbook program with Year 10 students. Since then, we have provided the opportunity to Year 10 and 11 in 2012. Many of our current Year 11 and 12 students are participants in the Lalor Secondary College Netbook Program.

While your child was given the opportunity to participate in the program last year, they chose not to at the time. Since the introduction of the program with our current Year 11 and 12 students, a number of students who were not in the original uptake have indicated that they would like to now participate in the program – that is, have access to a netbook while at Lalor Secondary College.

We are providing your child with this opportunity. As has been the case in the past, it is expected that any student who participates in the Netbook Program at Lalor 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 18 months, 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. Parents/guardians must attend the information evening so that we are able to explain the details of the requirements of the NSSCF program and how Lalor Secondary College will be implementing the program. 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 11 and 12 students will be held on Wednesday 27th February at 6:30pm in the Drama Centre. 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 you contact the school personally to inform us. 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 warrantees), 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,

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College Principal