

1. What laptop will be used in Years 3 to 5?

From 2012 Year 3 students will be using a HP dm1 pavilion machine. It has been decided to commence a HP program in the primary school to align more with what is being used from Years 6-12. As in previous year's, students in Years 3 to 5 will not be able to take their computers home each day.

The specifications of the machine are : AMD E350 Dual Processor, Window 7 Premium, 11.6" HD Brightview screen, 320GB HDD, AMD Radeon HD 6310M, 2GB RAM, Integrated VGA Web-cam, comprehensive software package, onsite support and 3 year Warranty

2. Why are year 3 students required to buy an HP laptop in 2012 instead of the existing classmates?

The classmate netbooks were a great tool for learning on their introduction. However it has been recognised that the hardware is limited in its use when any sort of multimedia is required, e.g. creating video or editing images. Tenders were called for a replacement machine and the positive experience we have had working with HP in the higher year levels was in part behind the decision to purchase the HP dm1.

The HP dm1 is a compact machine, yet it is twice as fast as the classmates and the larger screen will make multitasking much easier. It is competitively priced when compared to the contemporary version of the classmate.

3. How much will the HP dm1 machine cost?

\$4500. This covers hardware, software, 3 year warranty and onsite service.

4. Does my child in year 4 or 5 need to buy an HP laptop?

No, for existing students the classmate notebooks that your child already has will serve them until they enter year 6.

New Students in years 4 and 5 will be required to purchase the HP dm1

5. Do I own the laptop, as well as the software?

Yes, the laptop is yours. For the software: Yes and No. All packaged software from Microsoft is yours with the laptop. However, copies of texts and other software installed as part of AISHK coursework must be removed before leaving the school to protect our copyright and software licenses with the respective publishers.

6. What service will the school be providing as part of the laptop program?

A part of the price of the school laptops is for service.

The AISHK Laptop Repair Centre

Located near the Library this centre is staffed by our ICT Support Team providing on-the-spot diagnosis and simple repairs/software rebuilds during school time from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. From 2012, a technician supplied by HP will be onsite and able to carry out most hardware repairs without the need to send the laptop away.

A loan machine will be available for students whose laptops are under repair.

7. Will a student carry their machine home every day?

No, the students will keep their laptops at school. We feel that at this age it is too much to ask the student to be responsible for getting the laptop safely to and from school and that the weight of their school bags should be minimised.

8. How will I identify my child's machine from the hundreds of others at school?

Classroom teachers will provide them with a name sticker.

9. Is the price likely to change next year? Will it get cheaper or more expensive?

There is no guarantee that prices will be the same next year as the cost of electronics fluctuates with currencies. However every effort will be made to maintain these price points unless an educational reason necessitates a change in equipment.

10. When should we order it by, and when will we receive it?

Orders made prior to Friday 30th November 2011 will be delivered to the students at the commencement of school in 2012