

Wellington High School Netbooks FAQ's

1. Does the netbook purchased through the school come with all the requirements listed, i.e., does it come with an operating system (and if yes which one?) and antivirus software?

Answer

There are two laptop choices which come with either Windows XP Home installed or Windows 7 Starter installed.

We are unsure whether the net books come with any anti virus software. You are advised to either purchase an anti virus package, or you can install one of the free packages. Some examples for free Anti Virus packages are: AVG and Avast.

2. What sort of programs is the school expecting to be on the netbook - eg. microsoft word, Microsoft Excel, Outlook, Microsoft Powerpoint??

Answer

We're not expecting any software (except the operating system) to be installed. Any software that is required will be made available to the students.

3. Will the students have any training in the use of the netbook or will they be expected to know how to use it before the start of school?

Answer

Training will occur at the start of 2010

4. How will the netbooks be used in class?

Answer

The netbooks will be used in conjunction with normal teaching practices. They are basically a tool that students and staff can use to learn and teach in a modern way, they will provide more access to educational software. Software such as Myportfolio, Blogger, Google Docs etc. will be used.

5. What security measures are being put in place so that the netbooks are not stolen?

Answer

Each student will have their own locker where their netbooks can be locked up, students will carry them from home to school in their school bags. We have checked with some insurance companies about theft. The companies mentioned that the laptops could be covered by Home and Contents insurance. Please check with your own company.

6. If there are several purchased through the school - and all look the

same - how will they be individualised?

Answer

Stickers will be provided by the staff

7. How will the netbooks be charged? At school, or brought home daily? Will there be power sockets available for charging netbooks for forgetful kids?

Answer

Battery lasts up to 6 hours, charging facilities will be available in the certain classrooms.

8. What are the dimensions of the lockers?

Answer

Big enough for a normal school bag and netbook

9. How will printing work? Will each classroom have a printer?

Answer

This is an issue we are looking in to.

10. Will Macs integrate into the net-book program and will they be compatible with printing at school?

Answer

Internet access will be provided to Macs. However printing is unlikely.

11. What are the specs of each of the three options?

Answer

These are included in the original letter

12. Is there an upgrade option to windows 7 from windows XP? How much extra will this cost?

Answer

You have the option on choosing a net book with either Windows XP or Windows 7 Starter (prices vary slightly). Please note that Windows XP does NOT qualify for the Windows 7 upgrade.

13. Will the netbooks have all the required programs/software installed?

Answer

The students will be able to install the software that is required.

14. When do the netbooks need to be paid for? And if we are going to pay by installments when do we start paying?

Answer

January 11 for either option.

15. When do the students actually receive the net books?

Answer

3 weeks after they are all ordered

16. Is there an insurance plan? If so what are the details of this?

Answer

See theft answer above (You need to use your own Home and Contents insurance. Please see your individual Insurance company for coverage details).

Technical Specifications

Option 1 (recommended)

HP Mini 5101

OS: Windows 7 Starter
PROCESSOR: Intel Atom N280 1.66 Ghz
MEMORY: 2GB DDR2 800 MHz
HARD DRIVE: 160GB 7200 RPM HDD
WIRELESS: 802.11 A/B/G/N
BATTERY: 6 Cell 55Whr
CAMERA: 2 Meg Pixel Web Camera
DISPLAY: 10.1" HD Display

Option 2

HP Mini 5101

OS: Windows XP home
PROCESSOR: Intel Atom N280 1.66 Ghz
MEMORY: 1GB DDR2 800 MHz
HARD DRIVE: 160GB 7200 RPM HDD
WIRELESS: 802.11 A/B/G/N
BATTERY: 6 Cell 55Whr
CAMERA: 2 Meg Pixel Web Camera
DISPLAY: 10.1" HD Display