



## BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AUSTRALIANS

# The Digital Education Revolution— putting computers in front of secondary school students



To ensure young Australians are well equipped for a digital future, the Australian Government is committed to delivering a Digital Education Revolution in our secondary schools. It will provide funding to secondary schools to achieve a one-to-one student-to-computer ratio for all Year 9 to 12 students by 2011.

Following the Council of Australian Governments meeting on 29 November 2008, the Australian Government will provide an extra \$807 million to state, territory and non-government school systems to help with computer on-costs. This will bring the total investment in secondary schools over the next five years to \$2 billion.

Under the National Secondary School Computer Fund (NSSCF), schools will receive a total of \$2500 for each computer—\$1000 per computer and an extra \$1500 for on-costs. Funding for replacement computers that are four years or older will continue to attract funding of \$1000 per unit as the required infrastructure is already in place.

The additional funding will be paid before 30 June 2009.

Education authorities will be asked to report on their progress as they work towards a ratio of one computer for every Year 9 to 12 student.

A supplementary Round Two process is open for eligible schools that did not apply for the NSSCF under Round One or Round Two, or did not apply for the full number of computers.

The Government has invested more than \$258 million under the NSSCF to date. This includes \$116.82 million in Round One, going to 896 schools to purchase more than 116 800 computers and \$141.62 million in Round Two, going to 1394 schools to purchase more than 141 600 computers.