Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: STUDENT LAPTOP PROGRAM – YEAR 8, 2014

Congratulations on your son/daughter being accepted for Year 8 at Marryatville High School in 2014. I would now like to provide more detailed information about the Student Laptop Program that was mentioned in that letter.

I am requesting that you make provision to purchase the following package at a cost of $1,169.00 (inc GST) for your child to use at school in 2014.

- An Acer V5-473-54206G12ikk Ultrabook
- Targus Hard Carry Case
- Extended 3 Year Warranty
- MS Office 2010
- Adobe CS6 Master Suite
- 3 Year On-Site Hot Swap Repair

I recommend that parents also consider taking up the Accidental Damage, Loss and Theft Protection Policy at a cost of $163.96 which provides cover for three years. A Premium Battery Warranty is also available for $99.00.

I believe this package represents excellent value for money and I seek your cooperation in ensuring that your child has this Ultrabook computer to support their learning program from 2014 at Marryatville High School.

I am aware that some parents will have a laptop computer at home and would prefer their child to bring that to school rather than purchase a new one. Unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate that arrangement. We believe that students need to be using the same device with appropriate software to support our teaching and learning programs. Under this scheme, if a student has a problem with their device they can simply swap it for another while theirs is repaired, resulting in minimal inconvenience.

A similar strategy, sometimes referred to as a 1:1 Laptop Program, has been implemented in many other schools because it ensures that students have access to a computer with appropriate software in every lesson to support personalised learning.
Successful implementation of the Marryatville High School Student Laptop Program does rely on parents purchasing the package for their child. We will have a small number of laptop computers to lend to students on a daily basis if parents are not able to initially participate in this scheme.

Acer has negotiated a Rental Purchase Payment Plan for parents who do not wish to purchase outright. This is available as a three year payment plan option starting at $53.89 per month for 36 months. This purchase is done through the same On-line Portal.

**Purchasing Arrangements**
Outlined below are the purchasing options available which can be accessed through a Portal on the Marryatville High School Website: www.marryatvillehs.sa.edu.au  Please note that the school is not involved in the purchasing arrangements and does not receive any commission or financial benefit from a purchase.

**Outright Purchase Option**

- Acer V5-473 Ultrabook $ 1,169.00
- plus Protection Policy (OPTIONAL) $ 163.96
- Plus Battery Warranty (OPTIONAL) $ 99.00

**Leasing Option 1**

- Acer V5-473 Ultrabook + Protection Policy $ 53.89 per month for 36 months

**Leasing Option 2**

- Acer V5-473 Ultrabook + Protection Policy + Battery Warranty $ 57.89 per month for 36 months

**Delivery Options**

- Home delivery through Australia Post $ 33.00
- Customer pick up from ASI $ 0.00

To guarantee that the laptop will be delivered or available for pickup before Christmas ASI have indicated that orders need to be placed by the 31st October 2013. Orders can also be placed after this date for delivery before the 2014 school year.

The following login and password information are provided for individual purchasing:

**login:** password:

The 2014 Laptop Handbook and computer specifications are also available on the school website under the School Laptop Program section.

**Information Evening for Parents of students going into Year 8, 2014**

Information will be shared at the Year 7 Parent Meeting on Tuesday 19th November at 7.00pm in the Forge.

If you have any questions, please contact the school on 8304 8420.

Yours sincerely

Mark Leahy
Principal