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MEDIA RELEASE

National Secondary School Computer Fund Delivers over 1,559 Computers to Southern Adelaide Schools

A total of 10 local secondary schools will have access to 21st Century technology through new funds under the National Secondary School Computer Fund (the Fund).

The following 10 Southern Adelaide Schools will have access to over 1,559 computers:

- 6 Computers - Willunga Waldorf School
- 16 Computers - Australian Technical College (Adelaide South)
- 133 Computers - Tatachilla Lutheran College
- 178 Computers - Willunga High School
- 99 Computers - Cardijn College
- 194 Computers - Seaford 6-12 School
- 213 Computers - Wirreanda High School
- 226 Computers - Woodcroft College
- 255 Computers - Reynella East High School
- 239 Computers - Christies Beach High School and South Vocational College

The Federal Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth MP, has welcomed the initiative and said the Fund is a key component of the Australian Government's \$2 Billion Digital Education Revolution initiative.

"This very important program announced by the Prime Minister during the 2007 Federal election campaign has committed \$1.9 billion in funding for new ICT equipment in Australian secondary schools."

"Through the National Secondary School Computer Fund the Australian Government has, to date, invested more than \$258.19 million — \$116.82 million in Round One and \$141.62 million in Round Two. Round Two also included more than \$300 000 in flexible funding for students with a disability."

“A further \$100 million is committed to the deployment of fibre connections to Australian schools, delivering broadband speeds of up to 100 megabits per second. These initiatives will improve our secondary school students’ access to information, and take us further towards a world-class education system,” Ms Rishworth MP said.

Round Two marks the second instalment of the Fund. The Fund will give Australian students greater access to, and more sophisticated use of, information and communications technology (ICT) to prepare them for the jobs of tomorrow.

The National Secondary School Computer Fund is a partnership between the Government and all educational jurisdictions. The Government has agreed to fund a further \$807 million for legitimate on costs to install and maintain the computers and costs associated with subsequent rounds.

Ms Rishworth MP said a further supplementary Round 2.1 opened on 10 December 2008.

“This is for eligible schools that have not reached the target of 1:2 computer to student ratio and have not applied under Round One or Round Two”.

“At the conclusion of Round Two, including the supplementary Round Two process, all schools in Australia will have been given the opportunity to obtain funds to bring them to a 1:2 computer to student ratio, including funding to address costs associated with the deployment of additional computers.”

“I congratulate all our local secondary schools that applied for, and were successful, in Round Two of this program”.

This is in addition to over 400 computers delivered to Hallett Cove, Southern Vales Christian College and Willunga Waldorf secondary schools from round one.

Further information about the Fund is available at:
<http://www.digitaleducationrevolution.gov.au>