Student computers in 2015

Students currently in **Year 9,10 & 11** will continue to use their own Acer netbook (with EduSTAR software) for access to the Mansfield SC network.

Students currently in **Year 8** (Year 9 in 2015) will be required to have/bring their own computer device to school for use within the classroom. Our preference is that family’s purchase (online) one of two recommended devices from the Melbourne based education computer reseller, “Learning With Technologies”. There is a link ([http://mansfieldsc.orderportal.com.au](http://mansfieldsc.orderportal.com.au)) on our school web page for parents to order one of these devices. Both options come with the EduSTAR (software provided for educational use in Victorian government schools) software at no charge to students at MSC. Both also come with a three year warranty. Optional insurance and payment plans are available.

Purchases made using this system are private financial transactions between you and Learning With Technologies (LWT). Mansfield Secondary College does not receive any commission or other benefit as a result of your purchases.

Students in currently in Year 7 (Year 8 in 2015) will still be able to borrow laptops for class use on a lesson-by-lesson basis at the discretion of the classroom teacher. Once again, our preference is for parents to purchase a computer for educational use using the above method, although this is NOT a requirement in 2015.

The purchase of a student computer is a significant financial commitment to a child’s education. Monthly payment plans are available to those who are unable to afford the initial purchase price.

Whilst NOT our preferred option, families who already own a computer and wish to bring it to school for educational use may do so in 2015. Please note that computers brought from home must satisfy antivirus compliance tests and will be of limited use due to their inability to access EduSTAR software.

**All students** at MSC regardless of year level may purchase computers from LWT for educational use. This may interest families of older students (Year 9,10 & 11) whose current school supplied ACER begins to “wear” with age, and are looking for a suitable replacement.

For further enquiries, please contact the college on 57752022 or [http://www.mansfieldsc.vic.edu.au/contact-us/](http://www.mansfieldsc.vic.edu.au/contact-us/)