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# MANAGING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AT ST MONICA'S COLLEGE EPPING

The growing need for information technology (IT) in schools is a challenge that St Monica's College, Epping has always met. Whether that be the provision of College IT infrastructure or the material needs of students, St Monica's College, Epping has invested in the development and delivery of leading edge IT.

Mr Brian Hanley, College Principal, said the demand for IT grows every day. "All our students are provided with notebook computers to assist their studies at no cost to parents," he said. "We see this is an important way to support students and to ensure they all have the same level of equipment to undertake their studies at school or at home."

"We have recently upgraded the specifications of our student laptops to move to solid state drives as an ongoing commitment to ensuring our students' computers are able to manage their workloads. We have technicians on site to provide critical support and minimise any down time should students have any problems."

St Monica's College, Epping has a robust network infrastructure to be able to handle the demands of students and staff during school hours and to provide after-hours access.

The College has recently become a Cisco Exemplar school which means we have a significant partnership with a world leader in information technology. This partnership will have long term benefits for the College including support with the new building projects on both teaching campuses.

St Monica's College, Epping also takes cyber security seriously recently achieving the status of being an eSmart school, accredited through the Alannah and Madeleine Foundation.

Mr Hanley said cyber safety is important. "Being an eSmart school means that we have in place policies and procedures which educate our community about the need to be cyber safe, something which we have been committed to since 2004."

Mr Hanley confirmed that St Monica's College, Epping does not rest on its laurels. "We recognise the importance of IT to our students and will continue to ensure that they have the best support and infrastructure available."

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