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Student Resource Scheme Laptop Program

Dear parents/carers,

Since 2020 we have offered an optional 'Computers 4 Students C4S' Program. Recognising the increased need of our students to be connected digitally, from 2026 we will be offering a 1-1 Laptop SRS Program for students in year 3 and students in years 4-6 not currently participating in the outgoing C4S Program. Please see below for further information about our program.

SRS: Laptop Program Model

- The MGESS SRS Laptop Program is not a bring-your-own-device program and will replace the existing school-owned, parent-purchased C4S Program. Our program will provide the access and innovative delivery for the education of our students while providing the most cost-effective option for families.
 - This model allows for consistent monitoring, supervision, and support, with warranty claims, software installations and technical issues managed by the school.
 - Our SRS Laptop Program will support children learning in the classroom and increase the access to digital resources and completing digital based activities. Students work on online learning platforms, without the need to share a device or wait for their turn. They will have immediate and constant access to computing technology when needed for learning, as well as ongoing technical support, software upgrades and repairs. Students will design, compose, create, publish and communicate all through the one device, learning valuable IT skills in readiness for high school.
 - Prior to being assigned their laptop, students will participate in orientation lessons to learn the protocols for use of the laptops at the commencement of the 2026 school year.
 - Students who choose not to participate in the SRS Laptop Program will have access to a small selection of shared laptops across classes. Access to these will not always be guaranteed nor will access to the exact laptop each time. Students may find themselves sharing on a regular basis.
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Home Use of Laptops

- Once the SRS payment for the school year has been made, parents/carers will be provided with an External Request for Equipment form. Through completion of this form, parents/carers can elect to allow their child to bring the laptop home. The computer settings will enable the laptop to be connected to home WIFI, but all filtering will remain on the computer.
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Classroom Usage

- Students will have full access to the Microsoft Office Suite and a range of online platforms via a monitored login system.
 - Traditional pen-and-paper learning continues alongside digital tools.
 - **Social media platforms are blocked** both at school and at home.
 - Laptops are **not used during morning tea or lunch**, as these times are for play.
 - When not in use, laptops are securely stored in the classroom.
 - The school has **strict protocols** for device care and usage outlined in the SRS Laptop Program Parent/Carer Handbook 2026 and SRS Laptop Program Student Participation Agreement.
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Internet Filtering & Security

- Devices are protected by departmental antivirus software and internet filtering.
 - Staff can review internet usage and downloads when necessary.
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Warranty & Technical Support

- Laptops come with a **4-year warranty**.
 - A technician visits the school regularly to repair devices.
 - A limited number of **'hotswap' laptops** are available if repairs take time.
 - While full technical support is provided, students are expected to care for their devices responsibly and complete an SRS Laptop Program Student Participation Agreement on entry into the program.
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The Device

- Students will have access to the laptop across each term. At the completion of the school year, the laptops will be retained for updates to be run in preparation for the following school year.
 - Depending on the school year level and time of year your child joins the program, a refurbished device with the same specifications may be provided rather than a new device.
 - At the completion of year 6, there may be the option to purchase laptops no longer required for the SRS Laptop Program for a fee of \$30. This fee will cover the wiping of this device including all software removed due to being licensed to Education Queensland. Please note, the laptops available may not include the device used by your child.
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Mid-Year Departure from the school

- If your child ceases enrolment during the year, refund for the percentage of the year your child will not participate in the program will be provided.
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Cost & Payment

- The annual cost is **\$270** including complete technical and warranty support as well as software and anti-virus purchases and upgrades.
- Payment can be made in full each year, term by term, or negotiated through the office including via Centrepay, with invoices provided early 2026.

- The school will endeavour to ensure students will use the same laptop across their participation in the program from years 3-6.
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Program Participation

- Please find attached the items of paperwork which need to be completed. Today electronic copies of each of these documents along with this letter, the MGESS SRS Laptop Program Parent/Carer Handbook 2026 and SRS Annual Parent Information Letter have been emailed to families. Laptop computers cannot be handed out until all forms are complete. Forms are due to be completed by Friday January 30, 2026.

The paperwork to be completed consists of:

- SRS Laptop Program Student Participation Agreement
- SRS Participation Agreement Form
- SRS Payment Arrangement Form

We are all looking forward to our students learning with their new devices in 2026. Please contact Jessica Signorini jsign4@eq.edu.au if you have any questions.

Kind regards,



Peter Sinclair

Principal