



Notebooks for Teachers Program - Overview



BACKGROUND

The Department's Notebooks for Teachers Program invites eligible teachers to enrol on a voluntary basis and receive the use of a leased notebook personal computer, complete with software, introductory training, insurance and support for work and personal use for three years.

The current package includes a choice of a PC or an Apple model. In 2011 the PC notebook will be offered by Dell. Please visit the Notebooks for Teachers website for further details:

<http://det.wa.edu.au/education/ict/notebooks/index.asp>

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The Notebooks for Teachers Program is open to all full time and part time (0.1 PTF or more) teaching staff contracted to work for 12 months or more with the Department and who work directly with students. The program is also open to Principals and Deputy Principals working in schools, and School Psychologists.

Participants make a fortnightly contribution from their pay towards the cost of the notebooks. For Round 22 (Semester 1, 2011) the contribution rate is \$13 per fortnight (PC) or \$15 per fortnight (Apple). For later rollouts the rate may vary, depending on purchase costs.

The Department subsidizes the remaining cost of notebooks and provides the following services at no extra cost:

- ICT Customer Service Centre support seven days per week
- School Internet connectivity
- General productivity software – MS Office (both makes), Apple iLife (Apple MacBooks)
- A three-year warranty
- On-line professional learning program
- A 'hands on' training session
- Full insurance cover.

Teacher contributions are salary packaged through the Department's payroll system. This means that the effective cost is lower after tax (typically by two to three dollars, based on average gross salary).

Participants agree to terms and conditions including participation in skills assessments, appropriate care of the equipment, observation of appropriate use policies and set contribution rates.

ROLLOUT SCHEDULE

New notebooks are offered on a periodic basis, with a registration period followed by deliveries about two months later. For 2011 four rollouts are scheduled - Rounds 22 and 23 for delivery in Term 2 and Rounds 24 and 25 for delivery in Term 4. For 2012 there will be two rollouts, Round 26 in Semester 1 and Round 27 in Semester 2. For information on 2011 Round offers please go to:

<http://www.det.wa.edu.au/education/ict/notebooks/2011rounds.asp>

Additionally, used notebooks are available for reassignment at all times under the Pre-leased Notebooks Offer – see the following website for application details:

<http://det.wa.edu.au/education/ict/notebooks/preleased.asp>

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

For more information, please visit the Notebooks for Teachers website at:

<http://det.wa.edu.au/education/ict/notebooks/index.asp>

or contact the NFT Program admin section:

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