



# Sid Sidebottom MP ... for a fair go in Braddon

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## **\$1.2m to plug in North-West Schools**

NINETEEN North-West schools will share in \$1,212,000 worth of computers as part of the second round of the Rudd Government's National Secondary School Computer Fund, Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom said today.

All up, grants of \$1000 each will be provided to the 19 successful schools at a total of \$1,212,000, to cover the cost of bulk-purchasing computers and associated installation costs.

"I'm very pleased to see these applications get the nod, and I know they will be warmly welcomed," Mr Sidebottom said.

"Having access to this new technology is important to allow North-West students to stay in front of the education world."

The purpose of the Fund is to enable all schools to achieve a computer to student ratio of 1:2.

### **The successful secondary schools include:**

<b>School of Special Education North-West:</b>	<b>3 computers</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>North-West Christian School:</b>	<b>7 computers</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>
<b>Geneva Christian College:</b>	<b>7 computers</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>
<b>King Island District High School:</b>	<b>9 computers</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>
<b>Seabrook Christian School:</b>	<b>11 computers</b>	<b>\$11,000</b>
<b>Circular Head Christian School:</b>	<b>22 computers</b>	<b>\$22,000</b>
<b>Yolla District High School:</b>	<b>24 computers</b>	<b>\$24,000</b>
<b>Smithton High School:</b>	<b>16 computers</b>	<b>\$16,000</b>
<b>Parklands High School:</b>	<b>46 computers</b>	<b>\$46,000</b>
<b>Latrobe High School:</b>	<b>60 computers</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>
<b>Wynyard High School:</b>	<b>38 computers</b>	<b>\$38,000</b>
<b>Penguin High School:</b>	<b>25 computers</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Devonport High School:</b>	<b>84 computers</b>	<b>\$84,000</b>
<b>Burnie High School:</b>	<b>89 computers</b>	<b>\$89,000</b>
<b>Reece High School:</b>	<b>70 computers</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>
<b>St Brendan Shaw College:</b>	<b>105 computers</b>	<b>\$105,000</b>
<b>Marist Regional College:</b>	<b>148 computers</b>	<b>\$148,000</b>
<b>Hellyer College:</b>	<b>84 computers</b>	<b>\$84,000</b>
<b>The Don College:</b>	<b>273 computers</b>	<b>\$273,000</b>

"This is an impressive list – I am particularly pleased to see that 273 computers will go to The Don College because I know the computer situation there has been inadequate for some time," he said.

These computers come on the back of the 194 computers announced for North-West Schools last year as part of Round 1 of the National Secondary Computer Fund – with 113 computers delivered to Ulverstone High School, 77 to Leighland Christian School and four to the North-West School of Special Education.

A further supplementary Round 2.1 opened on December 10, 2008, allowing eligible schools who have not applied under Round One or Two to apply if they do not have a 1:2 ratio.

“I encourage any North-West Schools who have not already applied to do it quickly in order to ensure their school reaches the national ratio level,” he said.

Round 2.1 closes on February 11, 2009.

Further information about the Fund is available at [www.digitaleducationrevolution.gov.au](http://www.digitaleducationrevolution.gov.au).

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