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blinq Program - 2010

Program Requirements

This document is to inform parents and hardware vendors of the hardware, software and support minimum requirements of the **blinq** Program. Parents should consider this information before purchasing any notebook for use in Brauer College.

The College ITS staff are happy to provide details on the College's requirements and will pass on details of packages from local vendors; the College will not make recommendations of vendors or manufacturers.

Notebook Requirements:

- Hardware
 - Wireless 802.11 b/g/draft-n compliant (WEP, WPA-PSK, WPA, WPA2)
 - USB support 1.1+
 - CDR/RW or DVD-R
 - Protective Bag / Case
- Operating systems
 - Windows XP (Home / Pro)
 - Windows Vista (All)
 - Windows 7 (All)
 - Mac OSX 10.3 Panther or greater
- Software
 - Support Sun Java JRE 1.5 or greater
 - Support Sun Java Browser Plug-in
 - Supported Browsers
 - MS Internet Explorer 6+
 - Firefox 1.5+
 - Adobe Reader
 - Adobe Flash Player / Shockwave Player
 - Anti Virus software (AVG or commercial minimum)
 - Productivity applications will be available for download at Brauer for Windows and Mac machines. PC Linux machines should have Open Office 2.0, GIMP, Inkscape and VLC (Video Lan client) pre installed by supplier or user.

Program Considerations:

- Home Internet connection
 - There is a clear preference for students/parents to have a home internet connection. This is however not compulsory.
 - Minimum Dial-up, Broadband preferred.
 - Parents should consider provision of Firewall and Content Filtering hardware / software for their home connection. Brauer College provide these services within the college only. See <http://www.netalert.gov.au/> for details.
Note: Student s should have the ability to disable these services while in the college to avoid problems accessing school resources.

- Purchase considerations
 - Parents should consider carefully the warranty and insurance options available with any notebook.
 - Recommend 3 year warranty.
 - Recommend insurance
 - Return to base or Onsite repairs
 - Contracted time for repairs
 - Robustness of notebook design
 - Quality of bag/case provided
 - Minimum 3 hour battery life
 - Microsoft Office is not required but may be purchased; students will be able to perform all tasks with Open Office or equivalent.
 - If purchasing a notebook with Windows Vista; 2 Gigabyte RAM recommended.

- Brauer College Support Boundaries
 - Connection to wireless network.
 - Provision of laptop locker (included in program fee)
 - Provision and support of Open source style software for student use.
 - General classroom support.
 - Brauer staff will not support any other hardware or software issues.
 - Brauer reserves the right to refuse connection of notebooks to the network which breach the Network Agreement or are detected as containing malicious or illegal software or exhibit virus like activity.
 - PC Linux classroom support will be limited by the individual skills of the teaching staff.

Parents and Vendors are welcome to contact the College with any queries.

Regards,

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