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TO: NSW DEC Schools

SUBJECT: Lenovo BYOD site for NSW DEC Schools

Following the announcement that the federally funded Digital Educational Revolution (DER) program, is not continuing past the end of this year, Lenovo is working closely with schools to provide an appropriate BYOD solution for parents. Lenovo is a NSW DEC recommended notebook and tablet providers, and as such we encourage schools to recommend a trusted Student BYOD website where parents can buy suitable devices, designed to withstand the realities of the Education environment.

The key considerations for parents who are considering a BYOD device for NSW schools are as follows:

**Durability.** Our experience shows most damage to notebooks occurs outside of the classroom, such as during transport to and from school, in the grounds of the school or after school hours at home. Lenovo has selected commercial grade notebooks, using high quality components, materials and design. Parents can be assured that notebooks and tablets on the site are durable enough to last many years within the Education environment.

**Battery Life.** Many manufacturers advertise battery life that doesn’t consider the usage profile of a student. Lenovo BYOD models will last the full school day whilst using system resources such as continual wifi connectivity, presentation modes, frequent audio video use and multiple applications open concurrently.

**School wifi infrastructure.** Lenovo recognizes that NSW DEC schools utilize the 5GHz wireless band to enable a greater density of simultaneously connected devices. Many consumer notebooks and tablets do not include the appropriate wireless card to enable connectivity to the DEC wireless network. Parents who buy by from the Lenovo Student BYOD site are assured that all products on this site feature the appropriate card to enable wifi connectivity in a NSW DEC school.

**Software capability.** Lenovo is aware that DEC has negotiated student access to Microsoft Office and some Adobe software free of charge. The selection of notebooks on the Lenovo Student BYOD site competently run these applications ensuring students can actively participate in digital curriculum and activities that utilize these applications.


Lenovo encourages schools to make this URL available to students and parents to ensure students are equipped with appropriate BYOD devices, ready for Term one in 2014.

Best regards,

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