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IT'S FUN IN SCHOOL THESE DAYS! — WITH 1-TO-1 LEARNING PROGRAMS —

This past December over 125 students at Trinity College in Goulburn received new Lenovo laptop packages provided by OPC for their inaugural 1-to-1 learning program.

1-to-1 learning programs are school based programs designed to enhance learning opportunities and assist students to learn, live and work in the new digital era - 'anywhere, anytime.'

There has been a global move towards the implementation of these programs in schools and Trinity College Goulburn is leading the way with a meaningful change to teaching and learning in order to prepare their students for further education and training.

As Mary-Jane Carroll-Fajarda, Principal of Trinity College explains,

'the introduction of our 1:1 laptop program was part of a broader paradigm shift at Trinity. Our decision to go down this particular path was the belief that a 1:1 program would assist in the provision of more equitable access to learning resources for our regional students, increase their engagement, support individualised learning, aid the development of information literacy skills and encourage the implementation of different pedagogies within the classroom.'

Simply, digitally rich ICT environments in schools are more important than ever!

In order to be successful, 1-to-1 programs must have strong teaching practices and curriculum, a strongly supported vision and culture across the whole school community and, importantly, effective technical infrastructure and support.

OPC has over the past ten years worked closely with secondary Colleges in our region to develop and fine tune their 1-to-1 programs. Over a period of many months OPC worked closely with Trinity to tailor a package to meet the specific needs of the College and to ensure the students were fully engaged with the technology.

Weight, durability, performance and value for money were key considerations. OPC recommended the Lenovo X Series ThinkPad as the best fit-for purpose for this unique environment and took care of all the paperwork! We bundled the laptop with personalised, custom-designed vinyl laptop covers for the students, special carry bags and accessories sporting the College logo and we upgraded the warranty to three years' onsite service with accidental damage protection to cover all contingencies.

OPC is an authorised Lenovo warranty service provider and our mobile Service Van calls by each week to look after the College's fleet of machines.

'Outsourcing to OPC has meant that ICT staff employed at the College can now focus their energies on supporting teachers in the provision of quality learning experiences and assist students to maximise the use of their new laptops,' says Mary-Jane

Technology in schools is a complex business and with OPC's help Trinity is a shining example of how well it can be integrated. Just leave it to us!

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