



## Specifications

Please note that these specifications may be subject to change

Apple MacBook Pro 13-inch  
2.04 kg aluminium unibody  
2.26GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor  
2GB of 1066MHz DDR3 SDRAM (supports up to 8GB)  
160GB Serial ATA; 5400 rpm HDD  
8x SuperDrive (DVD±R DL/DVD±RW/CD-RW)

**3yr parts and labour warranty**

More detailed specifications are available at :  
<http://www.apple.com/macbookpro/specs-13inch.html>



### Leasing Structure

Initial Deposit = \$800 (+ \$200 refundable security deposit)  
+ 2 annual instalments of \$400

**Total Cost over 3 years = \$1600 (After security deposit refund)**

Note students also pay a \$300 annual levy for technical support and infrastructure.

### Selection Process

Class sizes must be in multiples of 26. Consideration is given to ensure that all classes have a balance of genders and abilities.



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## Strathmore Secondary College Notebook Learning Program Year 7 2010



## Why do we have a notebook program?

There has been a great deal of research conducted on notebook programs, Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and the improvements in the learning environment and culture they provide. A brief summary of the findings show that access to ICT:

- ✓ *Increases motivation by providing a greater variety of ways for students to engage in their learning.*
- ✓ *Provides individual approaches for students to present work.*
- ✓ *Allows teachers to present students with more interactive approaches to learning.*
- ✓ *Enables students to have greater access to up to date information resources.*
- ✓ *Allows concentration on higher order learning activities – activities that require analysis, synthesis and self evaluation.*
- ✓ *Enhances information literacy skills.*
- ✓ *Encourages students to become independent learners.*
- ✓ *Provides greater opportunities for students to engage in collaborative work via email and blogs.*
- ✓ *Provides more flexibility to cater for individual learning styles.*

On the other hand, it is also true that:

- ✓ *Students in notebook classes tend to cover more material in more depth so it can take longer to get through the prescribed curriculum*
- ✓ *Some students can become distracted by computer games and internet sites*

Reference:

[www.det.wa.edu.au/education/cmis/eval/curriculum/ict/notebooks/](http://www.det.wa.edu.au/education/cmis/eval/curriculum/ict/notebooks/)

## Why a school designated model?

We have found it important to have a single make and model and a designated supplier. This enables more efficient teaching and technical support within the College. It also enables more effective warranty coverage and minimises program costs for all.



## How does the notebook curriculum compare with others?

Students follow a common College curriculum in their core subjects (English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography) enriched by the expanded learning opportunities offered by ICT. Access to ICT is whenever it is required – without the need to book computer rooms or other resources. Students can continue with their school assignments commenced at school anywhere and at any time.

In other non-core subjects, PE, art, etc. students are not expected to use their notebooks.

## What software is included?

(Please note that as we are still finalising details there may be minor changes to the following list)

- *Apple iWork*
- *Microsoft Office 2008*
- *Adobe Master Collection CS3*
- *Geogebra*
- *Graphmatica*
- *Gamemaker*
- *Geometer's Sketchpad*
- *Lego Digital Designer & Mindstorms Edu NXT*
- *Promethian Activstudio*
- *Google Sketchup*
- *Google Earth*

