Optional Buy-Back and the School Purchase Program

Background to the School Purchase Program
Since the inception of the Trinity 1:1 computer program for students in 1993, Trinity has operated a student purchase model for the procurement of computers. This model has the school research and recommend a machine (bundled with a bag and 3 year warranty), insurer, service level agreement and a finance alternative to parents.

A school purchase approach uses the same research process to find the most suitable package of computer, service, insurance and finance, but rather than parents placing individual orders with the recommended reseller, the school orders on behalf of parents and recoups the cost through a technology levy appended to the fees as a separate charge.

Further information about the School Purchase Program can be found here: [www.trinity.vic.edu.au/schoolpurchase](http://www.trinity.vic.edu.au/schoolpurchase)

Why is an optional buy-back necessary?
The school purchase program will standardise machines not only across the school, but across each year level. Currently Junior School boys are required to have a computer from Year 5. This machine has a recommended life of three years which takes the boy through with that same machine until the start of Year 8. Approximately half of the boys at Year 7 enter the Trinity Community from other feeder schools and purchase a machine new when they arrive. Of course this results in half the boys at Year 7 having a new machine and the other half having a machine in its third year.

As the school transitions to a standard computer for all boys at all year levels, there will be groups of boys which have machines which will not see out their recommended three year life before being switched to the school purchase program. In this circumstance, the school has decided to offer a buy-back amount to compensate parents for the shortened tenure of the machine.

Who is affected?
Circumstances for individuals differ from year group to year group and within year levels when machines are used for more than the recommended three years or for a variety of other reasons. In general however, boys who have attended the Trinity Junior School, who updated their machine in 2012 or 2013 will be affected by having a machine less than 3 years old at the time of transition to the School Purchase Program in Year 10 (2014). If you are unsure if you will be affected and would like to clarify, please contact the Director of ICT who will look at your circumstance specifically.
**How much will the buy-back offer be?**

The buy-back value is determined by the number of months remaining until the machine would have reached its recommend three year life, multiplied by the monthly lease payment value for that machine.

For example an Fujitsu Q702 purchased (or leased) in 2013 which is 1 years old at the time of transition to the School Purchase Program would be offered a buy-back sum of 24 x $75.50 = $1812.00.

This table shows the buy-back amount for each eligible machine:

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<th>Machine Type</th>
<th>Year Purchased</th>
<th>Buy-back offer</th>
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<tr>
<td>Fujitsu STYLISTIC Q702</td>
<td>2013</td>
<td>$75.50/month up to 24 months*</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fujitsu LIFEBOOK T731</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>$69.41/month up to 24 months*</td>
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<td>Non-standard machine</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>$0</td>
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*Up to 24 months meaning up to a maximum of 24 x the monthly value; all offers are subject to the machine undergoing an assessment to establish it has endured “reasonable wear and tear” (see below).

Although the buyback assessments will not be carried out until part way through Term 1 2014, for the purposes of calculating the buy-back offer amount we will be using February as the return month. One offer per student.

Note: For those purchasing machines outright, the buy-back amount will be credited to school fees. Machines which are leased will have the buy-back sum transferred directly to the financier. No money will be credited to fees, or transferred to the financier until the machine is received by the school and has passed an assessment of reasonable wear and tear (see below).

**What constitutes “reasonable wear and tear”?**

In order to claim the optional buy-back, computers and all accessories must be returned in a state which demonstrates “reasonable wear and tear” for their age:

Examples of what is considered normal wear and tear over the anticipated 2 year life of a machine:

- Slight discolouration of casing;
- Slight deterioration in screen resolution;
- Lightly soiled/worn keyboard, touchpad and mouse buttons;
- Small, superficial scuffs or chips on the casing;
- Loose or sticking keyboard keys;
- Bag in good condition without tears or damaged zippers;
- Working power adaptors (2); and
- A working battery.

Examples of what is not considered normal wear and tear:

- Damaged screens, including bruising;
- Damaged lid latches, hinges or other movable parts;
- Broken power adaptors;
- Machines which do not power on;
- Deep or unsightly cracks in the casing;
- Keys moved/swapped around or missing from the keyboard;
- Missing or damaged tablet pens;
- A dead battery;
- Bags with cuts, tears, broken zippers or graffiti;
• Attempted removal of, or deliberate damage to the serial number or product registration stickers; and
• Adhesive stickers, graffiti or intentional scratches and scuffs on the screen or casing.

The cost of rectification or repairs (would ordinarily be the $100 capped repair fee depending on the nature of the damage to be rectified) return the computer to an acceptable condition to claim the optional rebate will be the responsibility of parents.

Assessments of “reasonable wear and tear” will be made in the weeks leading up to the return date. Further information about this will be distributed to affected families closer to the time of the buy-back offer being made in Term 1 2014.

**How can I ensure my machine is in an appropriate state to claim the buy-back offer?**

If you are in the circumstance of having a machine which is eligible for the buy-back offer, but are unsure if the condition of your machine is going to meet the “reasonable wear and tear” assessment, please bring the machine to the Tech Centre and have a pre-assessment carried out. This assessment will test whether the machine is up to the required standard and will provide you with a list of any warranty or insurance repairs which would need to be carried out to bring your machine up to the required standard. Warranty repairs are carried out at no cost while insurance repairs have a capped $100 excess payment.

The pre-assessments can be carried out at any time up until the buy-back offer is made in Term 1 2014.

**Questions?** If you have any questions about your specific circumstance, please contact the Director of ICT, Mr Robert Flavell: flavellr@trinity.vic.edu.au or 9854 3600.