The Digital Education Revolution – NSW
Transforming the Classroom at Rouse Hill High School
Parent Information Evening

Monday 12th March, 2012
Rouse Hill High School Hall 6.00 – 6.45pm

This year brings the fourth consecutive rollout funded under the Federal Government’s Digital Education Revolution. This completes the 1:1 ratio for all Department of Education and Communities (DEC) students currently in Years 9-12.

All laptops come with Microsoft and Adobe software, giving NSW students and teachers access to the largest and most comprehensive roll out of software in any educational system worldwide. The DEC has also invested in wireless networking and technical support for all secondary schools as well as professional learning for teachers.

The laptop weighs just over 1.5kg and fits easily into a school approved backpack. Studies show the benefits of providing laptops to each student are:

- increased student motivation, engagement and interest,
- improved student organisation and improved self-directed learning,
- increased academic achievements and better work habits,
- improved communication and information skills.

Parents/carers and students will be required to sign a Laptop User Charter prior to the issue of the laptops. The Charter will be issued to parents/carers on the night of Monday 12th March 2012, 6.00 – 6.45 pm. The front page of the signed Laptop User Charter is to be returned to the School Administration Office by Friday the 16th March 2012. The laptops will be issued in the week beginning Monday 19th March, to those students who have returned their signed Laptop User Charters.

Rouse Hill High School will provide information regarding requirements, ownership, damage or loss of laptops, laptop care and acceptable computer and internet use at the information evening and when the laptops are provided.

The school can also provide advice on the best academic use of the laptop, safe internet use, copyright, plagiarism, and ergonomics. We urge you to attend this very important evening.

Kim Chapman
Principal.