



## JOINT NEWS RELEASE

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Federal Member for Cunningham

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### **3,258 computers to local high schools from National Secondary School Computer Fund**

The Rudd Labor Government will provide 3,258 computers to 17 local high schools from the *National Secondary School Computer Fund*, Illawarra Labor Federal Members, Sharon Bird and Jennie George, announced today.

The first round of funding from the *National Secondary School Computer Fund* provides computer funding for local schools identified as being in most need of information and communications technology investment.

“This is the first instalment of the Rudd Labor Government’s \$1.1 billion *National Secondary School Computer Fund*.

“This first round of funding enables local high schools to close the gap on the computer to student ratio of 1:8 to 1:2.

“In the next round of funding, the Rudd Labor Government will seek to move all secondary schools to the target computer to student ratio of 1:2”, Ms Bird and Ms George said.

The *National Secondary School Computer Fund* provides grants of \$1,000 per computer. This funding represents \$3,258,000 to local secondary schools.

Of the 902 secondary schools that applied for the first round of funding, 896 were successful.

This will see funding for 116,820 computers across secondary schools across Australia, including 17 local high schools.

“We are very pleased that today’s announcement starts delivery of the Rudd Government’s election commitment to fund new computers in local schools”, Ms Bird and Ms George said.

A list of local secondary schools and the number of computers allocated is attached.

**ATTACHMENT****List of local secondary schools in the electorate of Cunningham**

<b>Local High School</b>	<b>Number of Computers</b>
Bulli High	223
Corrimal High	90
Figtree High	255
Edmund Rice College	151
Keira High	187
Smith's Hill High	209
Woonona High	201
Wollongong High (Performing Arts)	249
Parra Meadows School	5
Elonera Montessori School	3
Total	1573

**List of local secondary schools in the electorate of Throsby**

<b>Local High School</b>	<b>Number of Computers</b>
Illawarra Sports High (Berkeley)	285
Warilla High	258
Dapto High	233
Lake Illawarra High	224
Albion Park High	203
St Joseph's Regional High	290
Kanahooka High	149
Shellharbour Anglican College	43
Total	1685

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