



# Cosgrove High School

## EACH FOR ALL

# COMPUTER REVOLUTION

**LIAM CONWAY**

LEARNING technologies for Grades 7 and 8 are undergoing massive reform at Cosgrove High School.

The aim is to increase diversity in the curriculum through small "netbook" computers that each student will receive at the start of the year.

These will allow students to access different areas of the curriculum at any time.

One student may be doing a task on fractions, whilst the next student could be writing a report for English and yet another looking at the structure of Australian government.

This approach will give all students a more personalised program.

It will allow students to manage their own learning and develop good working habits and time management skills which are essential in later life.

The school will be enabled for wireless internet so students can access suitable websites to aid them in their learning.

As well as a netbook for every student, each classroom will be equipped with a Smartboard — an interactive whiteboard connected to a computer and an overhanging projector.

Smartboards make it possible for teachers to use any software program when teaching a class.

They have already been successfully incorporated to Mr Kim Jansen's English classes



**LIFE LESSONS:** Trying out new netbook computers are Cosgrove High School students Jacob Gesiotto-Scott, Sandy Thomas and Hussein Makelele. Next year every Grade 7 and 8 student at the school will have a similar device.

and Mr Andrew Harrison's computing classes.

Many students beginning at Cosgrove are familiar with these technologies, having already used them in primary school at places like Springfield Gardens.

This term, groups of students from Glenorchy, Goodwood, Moonah and Springfield Primary schools have visited Cosgrove each week to work on media production with the assistance of Cosgrove student leaders.

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## School talk

Should access to social network websites be blocked at school?



Yes, because then people can't mouth off at other people.  
**Cassie Scott, Grade 10.**



Yes, because students use the sites instead of doing their school work.  
**Liam Conway, Grade 10.**



My Grade 9 class researched social networks and there were some interesting findings so yes I think they should be blocked.  
**Heather Bessell, teacher.**



Yes, for Facebook, MySpace, Tagged and Twitter but not for MSN and Hotmail.  
**Hayden Hargraves-Beeton, Grade 9.**



Not as long as students use them appropriately.  
**Carolyn Reid, teacher.**



Yes, unless they are being used for educational purposes as directed by the Teacher.  
**David Watkins, teacher.**

## New opportunities arising next year

**ROHAN HUNTER**

NEXT year's Grade 8, 9 and 10 students at Cosgrove High School will have a wider range of subjects to choose from.

This year, staff and teachers have been busy re-

viewing and developing the new subject structure.

The school wants to better cater for the needs of students and offer more subjects that will prepare them for their future roles as responsible citizens.

The students will select

a minimum of one English, maths, science, history and health/PE subject each quarter-year. There will be a choice of six units within each core subject.

In addition, students will be able to pick four

other subjects based on their interests, such as the arts, information technology and vocational and applied learning.

Students will be able to decide on whether to do subjects based on their interests or future path-

ways. Leadership opportunities are also available.

This will be a remarkable amount of choice and students will need to think carefully about their program to ensure it will have the best outcome for the future.

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**Calling all former Cosgrove Staff & Students from any era**  
We are planning an **Open Day** and special school assembly for Sunday March 20, 2011 to celebrate our **60th Anniversary**  
If you would like to play a role to help make this a success, we invite you to attend our next meeting in the school administration building on Wed Dec 1, 2010, at 5.30 pm.  
Enquires: Ph Rod Thomas at the school.

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