



**Sharon Grierson MP**  
Federal Member for Newcastle

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### 195 Computers for Newcastle Schools

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, today announced that 195 computers would be delivered to Newcastle secondary schools as part of the *National Secondary School Computer Fund*.

Round Two marks the second instalment of the fund which will give Newcastle students greater access to information and communications technology, helping them prepare for the jobs of tomorrow.

"This is great news for the students, teachers and families of the three successful Newcastle schools," Ms Grierson said.

"We need to prepare our students for the jobs of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and these computers are an essential tool for their educational development."

"The Rudd Government remains committed to pushing on with its \$2 Billion Education Revolution and has already invested more than \$258.19 million: \$116.82 million in Round One and \$141.62 million in Round Two of this initiative."

"As previously announced, the Government will cover legitimate costs to install and maintain the new computers purchased through the Fund."

"Schools should also be aware that there is a supplementary round currently open for those who did not apply in Round One or Round Two, or did not apply for the full number of computers."

Applications for the supplementary round opened on 10 December 2008 and will close on 11 February 2009.

The successful Newcastle schools are:

- ALESCO Learning Centre 13 computers
- Newcastle Grammar School 95 computers
- St Philip's Christian College 87 computers

Further information about the Fund is available at: <http://www.digitaleducationrevolution.gov.au>

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