



14th November 2011

Year 8 1:1 Laptop model & Parent evenings

Dear Year 8 Parents,

After a tender process involving six companies, parents, students and teachers, we have settled on a package that will provide families and teachers with the best educational opportunities.

The package includes:

- Lenovo X220 personal computer.
- 3 year Warranty (*1 year for battery*).
- Onsite repairs and service.
- Accidental damage insurance. Unlimited claims and no excess.
- A discounted price for Microsoft Office Professional

The provision of training and spare parts to our technicians means that over the three year lifespan of the programme we can service and support the laptops here onsite. The accidental damage insurance covers damage to the laptop at any time over the three years with no excess. In the event of an accident, students will be furnished with a replacement immediately and the original repaired at no cost to parents. All support and service can be accessed at school.



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Lenovo X220 personal computer
\$0 excess accidental damage insurance (*no limit on number of claims*)
3 year warranty, onsite service & repair (*battery has 1 year warranty*)
Installation of software and collation and storage of all serial numbers, invoices and license keys
HK\$5913

Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2010
Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook,
OneNote, Access, Publisher and more
HK\$599

Why the X220?

The X220 was chosen unanimously by our parents for durability, low weight, long battery-life and value for money. It weighs 1.5Kg, has a carbon fiber exterior and has passed 8 military specifications for robustness. It has a small footprint and will fit easily into bags and lockers. The keyboard is full-sized and comfortable to use. Lenovo is the 2nd largest personal computer manufacturer (behind HP).

See reviews:

- <http://www.engadget.com/2011/03/18/lenovo-thinkpad-x220-review/>
- <http://www.notebookreview.com/default.asp?newsID=6056&review=lenovo+thinkpad+x220>
- http://reviews.cnet.com/laptops/lenovo-thinkpad-x220/4505-3121_7-34526813.html



I can get a cheaper computer in Sham Shui Po!

Yes, you probably can. In some instances those consumer models will not be supported across an institution or business, in other cases they are not built with the durability we require. Once you add in a 3 year warranty and zero dollar accidental damage insurance, the price would be very similar. Then consider the value of onsite support and service for any and all issues. The X220 is a light, durable, high-quality machine from a reputable manufacturer.

Parent and student information evenings

We'd like you to come along to see how we are planning to use laptops in the classroom in Year 8. We can give you more details about the laptop package, talk about the professional development, IT systems, cybersafety initiatives, support for parents, curriculum developments that go with the 1:1 programme, and answer any questions you have.

Tue	22 nd November	8A	Mr French
Wed	23 rd November	8K	Mr Flynn
Thu	24 th November	8D	Miss Tsang
Mon	28 th November	8S	Mr Wilson
Tue	29 th November	8T	Mr Dickson
Tue	6 th December	8H	Ms Higginbottom

Evenings will run 5pm to 6:30pm in the SSC. Please bring your child. We have set aside six evenings so we can spend more time with each of you, address individual concerns and involve tutor group teachers. If you cannot attend the evening for your tutor group, you can join us on another evening.

I will be working with Lenovo to create an information booklet and order form over the next week. We'll send it out as soon as it is ready.

From February, the X220 laptop and software will be a requirement for all Year 8 students. The 1:1 programme will bring many opportunities to enhance the education we provide. This is an exciting initiative and I look forward to telling you more at the upcoming parent evenings.

Yours Sincerely,

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