

Croydon Hills ICT Program and the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS)

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It is an absolute breeze to take a brand new Mac out of the box and have it fully operational in under five minutes. I tested this years ago with my grade 4 class who were able set an iMac up in a matter of minutes without reading a single instruction from the manual

Macs are cheap to run with the majority of our computers among the lowest power consumers in the industry. Most CHPS Macs don't even require a fan to cool the CPU's. Macs have a tradition of being built using high quality components and this is most evident in the monitors.

Apple makes the hardware, the operating system and much of the software. This level of integration is unmatched in the computer industry, allowing Apple to quickly resolve issues, release updates and continue innovating.

Every Mac sold to education customers comes with a full three-year warranty.

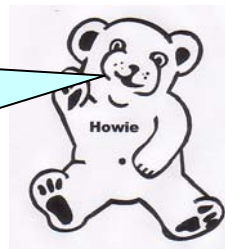
Apple have for years been the industry leader in bringing new technology to consumer level computing. In 1999 Apple introduced USB connectivity across their full range of computers. Apple invented the now common Firewire technology used to connect digital video cameras to computers and was the first company to make this standard on all their machines.

Apple enjoys strong support in the creative industries of music, video & broadcasting, publishing and digital imaging. Macs are also common in science research labs, medicine and statistical analysis (check out the stats guys working behind AFL coaches, they use Apple G4 notebooks).

But CHPS is not an all Mac school. There are PC's in the Library used for catalogue searching and games. The office staff use PC's and teaching Staff at CHPS are free to choose a Mac or PC notebook from the DE&T Notebooks for Teachers Scheme.

Over the years Macs have been fundamental in every Year 4 production, every grade 6 graduation, Wakakirri, all assemblies, Christmas Carols, Year 6 CD production, CHPS Report Database development and CHPS Administration Database development.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to have some hands on experience with a Mac, come along to one of our ICT open nights next week.
Tuesday March 1st & Wednesday March 2nd
7:30 PM in the ICT eLearning Centre (The Lab)



Want to know more about computers or learn to use your favourite software more effectively? We currently have a trial subscription (until the end of February) to Atomic Learning, an online training service. This site contains over 1300 short training videos covering many commonly used applications both Mac and PC.

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