Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

During my stay in Australia for 5 month I made the experience with laptops in school. We were allowed to use the laptops in class and could find information in the internet easily. All students and teachers had a school-email-address. Homepages e.g. Facebook, MySpace or YouTube were blocked, so that the laptops and the internet couldn't be misused and the attentions of the students are only on the topics in the classes. I would like to use this system in our school.

It is a good opportunity to use modern communication in the lessons. At Notre Dame College we got our worksheets needed for the lessons via an extra made homepage where teacher could upload necessary documents and the students also could upload their assignments or tasks. It was an easy way to get and sent documents. In addition all students and teachers had a school-email-address, so that we could ask questions via internet instead of look for the person. Besides that the students did not need textbooks. They had to carry the fully charged laptop with them instead of books for every class.

A laptop offers a lot more different and changing kinds of learning and teaching. There are programs for the laptop that can be used in the lessons. E.g. a maths program which helps students to understand it better and to learn more effective or a music program that helps to learn notes and scales. Especially for our school it might be helpful to use the Latin programs to learn the vocabularies or the structure of the sentences. To me personally it has helped to use the "Lumina" CD to make sure that I knew the vocabularies. Wouldn't that be easier to control how the students learned the school stuff?

Nowadays the internet has to be used very often for homework's, research or assignments. This far we had to do research's at home or in the library. Sometimes the library was closed or the computers were engaged. We had not enough computers for a whole class. So that one half had to stay in class, sometimes needed internet access to do the work and the other stayed in the library and could do the work with the internet. With laptops for the students that would end and everyone will find information easily. Students will be pleased when the old fashioned system would be replaced. Don't you want the students to be happy in school and experience a nice time that they will never forget?

This system with laptops seems to be better than our system with schoolbooks, because everyone has to be able to use a laptop or a computer and we really should start to use it as early as possible. Moreover it is easier to learn e.g. for an exam. You always can look at the worksheets on the webpage. The interest of the students will be more on the topics in class when we cancel the tradition of school books.

I hope I could convince you with my arguments and you will consider the use of laptops in the lessons. For further questions, I am happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

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