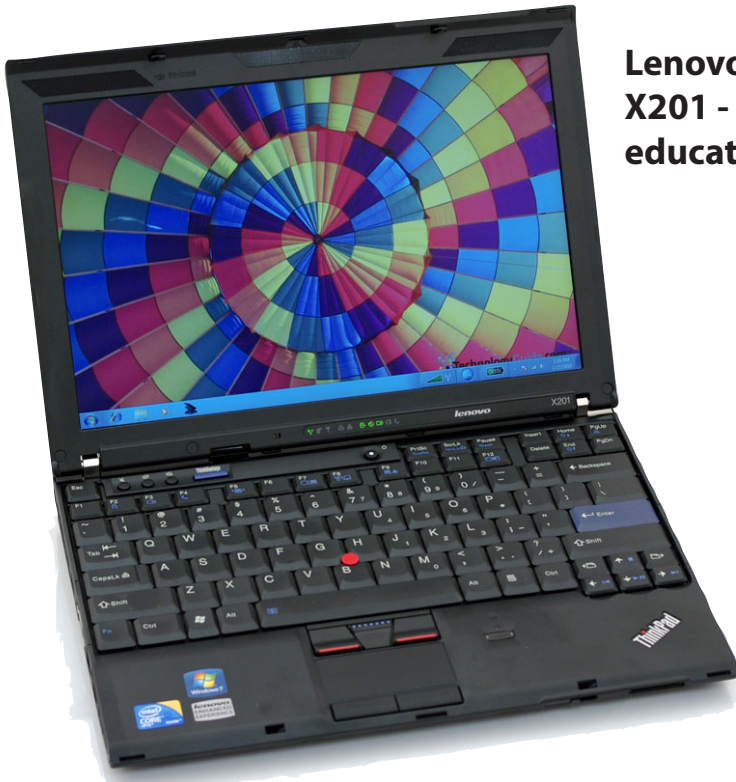




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## Deal of the quarter!

**Lenovo ThinkPad X201 - perfect for education**



**Still available for schools! Lightweight, robust and longlasting battery life from \$700 ex. GST.**

Thinnest, lightest ThinkPad notebook with long battery life!

Genuine Windows 7 Pro 32, Intel Celeron processor U3400 (dual core 1.06GHz), 2GBx1, 10666MHz DDR3, 250GB HDD, Intel 6200 AGN (2x2), integrated camera 2.0MP, 6 cell long life battery, three year depot warranty

**Available for customisation**

## The X201 arrives at Churchlands Senior Highschool

Churchlands Senior High School is a public independent high school located in Perth's western suburbs. Recognising the toolkit for 21st century learning, Churchlands SHS has embarked on an ambitious program to provide every student at the school with a school-owned laptop to be used by students at school and at home. Churchlands SHS engaged with several vendors to identify the best possible machine for the students.

The school evaluated several units and started trials in 2010 of machines from various different vendors. Moncrieff was given the opportunity to provide Churchlands with the Lenovo Mini 10 netbook. After having compared machines in price, performance, usability and battery life, Lenovo was selected

as the preferred vendor. The Mini 10 however was replaced with the Lenovo X201. New testing was done and again the Lenovo machine was selected as the top product.

"We selected the X201 because it meets all of the technical requirements we have. It is a physically robust product that stands up to the rigours that students subject it to, it has good battery performance and it's at the right price point for us," said John Agostinelli, IT Manager at Churchlands Senior High School.

"Whilst we experienced a technical issue with the first machine we selected from Lenovo, they showed us their commitment and support to get it fixed.

Moncrieff's ability to escalate the issue to ensure it would be dealt with by Lenovo was excellent and their technical skills were also great."

As the IT Manager at Churchlands, John has been dealing with Moncrieff for a number of years and credits the selection of Moncrieff as the preferred partner due to the selling ability of our account managers.

**"I have been dealing with Moncrieff for over fifteen years. Your customer management skills are exceptional," said John.**

Moncrieff will supply Churchlands SHS with 825 units over the next few months.

# Education tools everywhere

The internet provides so many resources for teachers to use ICT to their advantage. Just a ten minute search provided us with some great resources we would like to share with you (just search for any of these keywords in Google):

**BrainPOP** - BrainPOP offers curriculum-based educational games and activities for students of all ages. The site's educator page also provides free tools and tips to help teachers use these games in the classroom.

**Virtual Field Trips** - The Education Network features virtual field trips that can be used by students who want to visit fun and exciting places that they might not otherwise be able to see. This site also allows teachers to create, add, and edit their own virtual field trip.

**FunBrain** - FunBrain offers interactive games and activities that teachers can use in the classroom for grades K-8. The site also provides fun movies, web books, and comics.

**BGFL** - This interactive whiteboard site provides games and activities that cover all subjects.

**TeacherLED** - TeacherLED offers resources to make introducing interactive whiteboards in the classroom easier. Resources are provided for several subjects, including math, literature, and geography.

**Eduscapes** - This site features tips and tricks for introducing interactive whiteboards in the classroom. Eduscapes also offers tutorials, workshops, assignments, curriculum ideas, and activities.

**Free Technology for Teachers** - This blog provides information and reviews on free technology as well as tips on how to implement new technologies in the classroom.

**LearningPlanet.com** - Designed for parents and teachers, LearningPlanet.com features powerful learning tools that teachers can use with students. Activities are available for students of all subjects and grades.

**IKnowThat.com** - This free game and activity site ignites lifelong learning in children through interactive games and social communication tools. IKnowThat.com offers activities that cover every major school subject.

**Grammar Girl** - Grammar Girl is a free podcast from Mignon Fogarty that presents short, simple memory tips for troublesome grammatical rules. Each episode is short and easy to listen to.



**Eight Planets** - Eight Planets offers overviews of the planets and moons through a free multimedia tour.

**High Techpectations** - High Techpectations is a blog that provides resources and ideas for educators as well as weekly technology site suggestions for teachers.

**ABC Ya!** - This free computer activity site provides fun games and lessons for elementary students. Each game and lesson has been created or approved by teachers.

**SMART** - SMART offers customizable interactive whiteboard resources for teachers to use in the classroom. This interactive site covers all subjects and grade levels.

**MathGrad.com** - This free mathematics podcast is an excellent resource for classroom teachers. MathGrad.com seeks to explain math through real life topics.

**The Innovative Educator** - The Innovative Educator blog features a wide range of tools and resources that educators can use to enhance teaching and learning.

**ClassBrain** - ClassBrain provides many different interactive learning games for students of all ages. Games can be played online and may also be used with interactive whiteboards.

**EdTechTalk** - EdTechTalk's weekly podcasts provide information for learning about the uses of technology in the classroom. Podcast options include 21st Century Learning, EdTechTalk K-12, EdTechBrainstorm, and several others.

## More learning tools @ ABS

The Australian Bureau of Statistics have also provided a range of learning objects to assist teachers to introduce statistical concepts into the classroom.

Learning tools are available to assist in teaching about the mean, median, bar graphs, pie graphs and the difference between the mean, median and mode. A summary of each tool is provided below.

Each learning tool has three parts: Discover It, Play It and Quiz It. For each learning tool, Discover It introduces and provides an explanation of a statistical concept. Play It is an interactive demonstration of the statistical concept and an opportunity for students to learn and experiment with the concept. Quiz It allows students to test their understanding of the concept after completing the other components.

The learning tools are designed so that students can proceed through the three parts sequentially or enter at any point. Each learning tool, and its components, are written using student-friendly language. The learning tools have been designed for use by a range of year levels. Students can progress through the tools independently, or with teacher supervision.

**Go to [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au) and look up learning tools.**

## Financing notebooks

Looking for an option to offer students' parents a leasing agreement for notebooks? Our partner Rent-Tech specialises in tailor-made financing products for technology products and programs fully covered by insurance and risk cover. Rent-Tech offers financing and procurement services for a range of equipment including notebooks, desktops, interactive whiteboards and servers.

Reliability, sustainability and flexibility in the delivery of products assists Rent-Tech in maintaining long term and cost effective relationships with their clients.

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