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Catholic Schools

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**To:** Principals of MACS schools

**CC:** Principals and all school governors of RI/MPJP schools in the  
Archdiocese of Melbourne

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## Free student broadband offer extended

### Main Points

- The Australian Government announced an additional \$4.9 million in funding to NBN Co to extend the [School Student Broadband Initiative](#) (SSBI) to **30 June 2028** to ease cost-of-living pressures and narrow the digital divide for unconnected families with school-age children.
- The extension will allow the free service to continue for new and existing families, with up to 30,000 places available in the program.
- To apply, families and carers are encouraged to contact the National Referral Centre run by Anglicare Victoria on 1800 954 610 (10.00 am – 6.00 pm Monday to Friday) or visit [www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet](http://www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet).
- Posters and social media tiles can be downloaded from the NBN Co [Digital Asset Portal](#) to help promote the offer, with frequently asked questions also available.

### Actions Required

- Please promote this offer to your school community via your usual channels.

### Additional Information

- There is no action required for families and carers who have already connected to the program. Their free SSBI service with their participating internet provider is expected to be extended automatically until the end of June 2028.

### Contact/Enquiries

- For all enquiries, please contact Phillip Easter, General Manager, Technology Engagement and School Services, on 9267 0228 or [peaster@macs.vic.edu.au](mailto:peaster@macs.vic.edu.au).

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