$61 MILLION FOR NEW ULTRANET IN EVERY SCHOOL

Under this new initiative, every Victorian government school will have access to the Ultranet – a single, instant information point for parents, teachers and students.

The Ultranet is the first of its kind in Australia and will revolutionise the school community by providing a central point for all school information.

The Ultranet will be a centrally hosted, web-based system that will be accessed via the Internet.

Functions such as attendance, assessment, assignments, educational resources and feedback can be accessed by students, teachers and parents.

Parents will be able to play a greater role in their child’s education and receive continuous feedback on their child’s progress.

They will be able to access attendance records, report cards, test results, curriculum and classroom activities. The Ultranet will also enable greater communication between teachers and parents and be available at home, or at work, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Ultranet will provide teachers with their own space that allows them to better plan and manage their classes over the entire school year.

Teachers can share lesson plans, content material and tasks with other teachers across the state. Exciting online learning tools will be at their fingertips and they will be able to better tailor learning programs to suit individual student needs.

Students will be able to access the entire curriculum for every subject and classroom activity and be able to receive greater feedback from teachers and collaborate with other students.

The Ultranet will make a real difference to students in rural and remote areas, providing them with a broader range of educational resources. They will be able to access specialised curriculum and podcast classes from schools which excel in various subject areas.

Only authorised users, such as teachers and classroom coordinators, will have access to student information.

Stringent security safeguards will be in place to protect student privacy, such as access via username and password, firewall services and encrypted protocols for all network communications.