From computers the size of a family fridge to palm tops, iPods, sophisticated video conferencing tools and advanced multimedia applications, there's no doubt technology has come a long way. And Victorian government schools are at the forefront of the technological revolution.

**Fast facts:**

- The Brumby Government is investing more than $142 million annually on information and communication technologies to make sure Victorian Government school students remain at the forefront of the technological revolution. Initiatives include:
  - $43 million for the provision of broadband Wide Area Network Connections.
  - $38.5 million for the Technical Support to Schools Program.
  - $17.5 million for the Notebooks for Teachers and Principals Program.
  - $12.9 million for major software system upgrades.
  - $7 million for the provision of software licenses for schools.
  - $7 million to schools for curriculum computers in the Student Resource Package.
  - $7 million for Increase Access to Computers Grant.
  - $7.5 million for the provision, support and rollout of CASES21 administration and financial systems to schools.
  - $1.8 million to provide principals and teachers with secure remote access to their school’s information technology systems.

- The Ultranet project will provide teachers, students and parents with a single information point to access vital information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Ultranet is on track to be delivered to Victorian government schools within the original budget of $60.5 million in 2010.

- As part of the $89.3 million VicSmart initiative, Victorian Government schools will be upgraded from their current maximum broadband speed of 4Mbps to 10Mbps VicSmart.
is a joint partnership between the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and Telstra.

• The Victorian Government currently leases over 40,000 notebooks for teachers and principals.