



# SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION WITH INTERNET AT HOME

The Australian Government has established the School Student Broadband Initiative to provide **free home internet** for one year for up to 30,000 unconnected families with school aged students.

This is a targeted affordability measure to boost education opportunities and narrow the digital divide. NBN Co is leading implementation of this initiative.

## How can the School Student Broadband Initiative help your child?

Children who can access online learning at home as part of their education are more likely to engage in classroom activities.

Access to fast internet at home can also support children to build their digital skills, learn how to safely use the internet and participate in a world that is more reliant on digital technology.

## Is my family eligible for the School Student Broadband Initiative?

To be eligible you must:

- ✓ Have a child living at home that is enrolled in an Australian school in 2023.
- ✓ Not have an active National Broadband Network internet service at home. Having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility.
- ✓ Be referred by a nominating organisation. This will include consideration of whether the child has access to a device and the digital skills to use the internet safely.
- ✓ Live in a premises that can access the National Broadband Network via a standard connection – this will be checked for you.



## **How does the School Student Broadband Initiative work?**

Families will be identified and contacted directly (via parents/carers) by participating schools, education authorities, charities and community organisations in the initiative - these are nominating organisations.

If you are eligible, the home internet service will be provided **at no cost** for one-year through a participating internet provider over the National Broadband Network. These internet providers will have their own step-by-step process to get you connected, which may involve you providing identification.

Once you sign up, the internet provider will help you to set up your connection. The initiative does not include devices such as a computer or tablet. Other members of the household can use the internet service provided through this initiative.

The one-year period will start from the day your service is activated with your chosen participating internet provider. At the end of the one-year period, you should not be placed onto a paid service by your internet provider without your consent. The Australian Government is considering options beyond the one-year free period.

## **Where can I find additional information on the initiative?**

For more information on the School Student Broadband Initiative, visit [www.infrastructure.gov.au/SSBI](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/SSBI)