

UQ *SchoolsNet*

AN INITIATIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND



“UQSchoolsNet is about being part
of the digital education revolution”

POWERED BY **UQ *connect***

WHAT IS UQSCHOOLSNET?

UQSchoolsNet is about connecting and collaborating at high speed with other Queensland schools and The University of Queensland.

UQSchoolsNet will establish an online community of schools that can connect at high speed to each other and to The University of Queensland, allowing them to collaboratively share content and services. This will reduce costs, enable the provision of innovative new services and allow enhanced access to educational content.

UQSchoolsNet is provided and supported by UQconnect, the University's 'not for profit' education ISP, on behalf of The University of Queensland. As a leading Australian educational institution with the resources to match, UQ is well placed to help Queensland schools with a range of IT services via UQconnect. Access to these resources puts UQconnect in a unique position to offer an 'education advantage'.

At launch, UQSchoolsNet offers three services:

- » Access Service
- » Collaboration Service
- » Internet Service



ACCESS SERVICE

UQSchoolsNet is about access.

The Access Service provides a very high speed connection between a school's network and UQSchoolsNet, through a direct connection with The University of Queensland. Schools are being connected to UQSchoolsNet on one of the fastest technologies available today: one gigabit per second Ethernet, on fibre optic cables. As technology evolves, other types of connections may also be used in future. Best of all, this service is available at no charge to schools in the UQSchoolsNet pilot program.

COLLABORATION SERVICE

UQSchoolsNet is about collaboration.

The Collaboration Service connects a school, at very high speed, into the UQSchoolsNet community network, which encompasses all the member schools, The University of Queensland and a range of websites which are available directly through this special connection without going through the Internet. Content from these websites is available without download restrictions regardless of whether a school takes the Internet Service (see next page).

Content from The University of Queensland, such as UQ Library CyberSchool will always be included. Other available websites may vary from time to time but currently include the ABC. Schools must take the Collaboration Service in addition to the Access Service to be part of the UQSchoolsNet program. There is a small charge for this service.



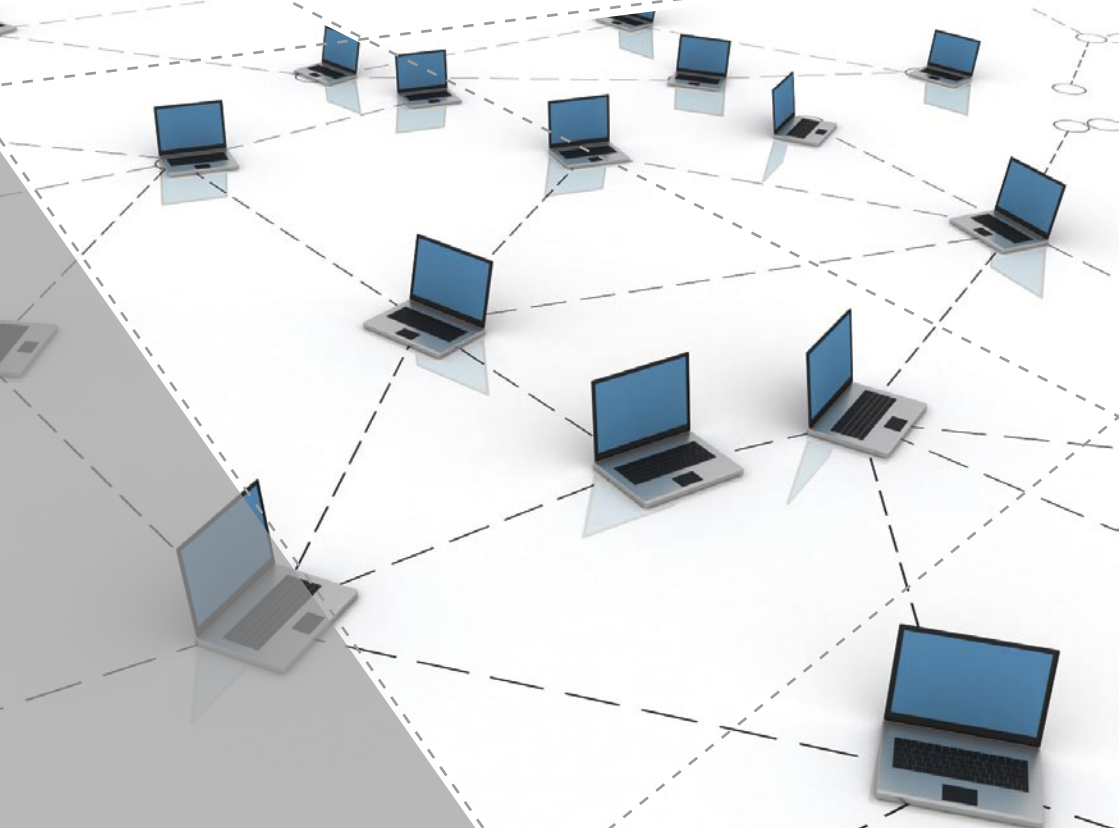
INTERNET SERVICE

UQSchoolsNet is about being one of the fastest connected schools in the Southern Hemisphere.

The Internet Service builds on the Access and Collaboration Services to provide Internet access with university-level speeds at an affordable cost. This Internet Service is at a speed of one gigabit per second. To set this in context, schools connecting through this service will have the fastest Internet connection of any school in the Southern Hemisphere.

UQSchoolsNet helps provide predictability of Internet costs for schools. The service provides the ability for schools to set a daily 'cap' or limit on the amount that can be downloaded at this very high speed, and once the cap is reached Internet access continues at a slower speed service. The speed of this connection is still similar to those of some of the fastest connected schools today.

This helps schools have a predictable cost for the service whilst still accessing the internet at very high speed. Better still, unlike many ISPs, there are no charges for uploads on UQSchoolsNet, nor for traffic that is part of the Collaboration Service.



UQSCHOOLSNET AT A GLANCE

With speeds of one gigabit per second, UQSchoolsNet is around 500 times faster than most schools' current Internet connection.

- » Join an online educational community
- » Access UQ's educational resources, including the UQ Library and UQ Library Cyberschool
- » Collaborate with other schools on UQSchoolsNet
- » Raise the IT profile of your school for prospective students
- » Be part of the digital education revolution

In this early implementation stage of UQSchoolsNet, membership is by invitation and has regard to some factors relating to location and the ability to connect directly to the University.

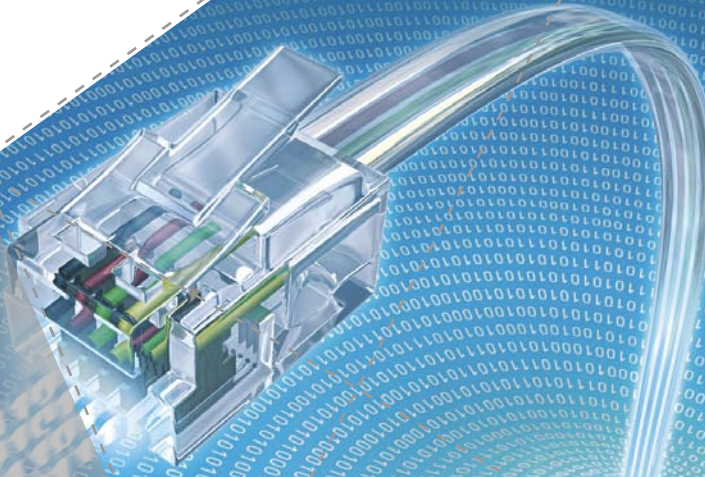


FUTURE SERVICES

UQSchoolsNet is about a comprehensive IT solution for your school.

In addition to the Access, Collaboration and Internet Services, UQSchoolsNet intends to develop a range of optional services to increase collaboration, improve services to students, staff and parents, overcome difficulties in access to skilled staff and reduce costs. The following services are being developed:

- » Home Internet access
- » Phone usage (Voice over IP)
- » Videoconferencing
- » Virtual PCs
- » Managed networks
- » IT procurement
- » Shared applications
- » Web and service hosting
- » Training
- » Resilience
- » Vendor partner integration





COSTS

Costs for the full suite of Access, Collaboration and Internet Services from UQSchoolsNet will be similar to many schools' current Internet arrangements, but with an increase of several hundred times the bandwidth and capacity. Other optional services can reduce costs further.

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