

The following **funding strategy** is an appropriate way to secure funding for the initial and ongoing costs to deliver the ICT based 'OnGuard' ACEPro Safety Training, Testing and Tracking Program in your school.

1. The 'OnGuard' Safety Training component - \$395 (safe work procedures, tutorials, machine posters, safety signs, risk assessment resources etc) is **paid from the technology faculty budget** to assist in the exercising of the 'duty of care' required by the teaching staff in the technology area.

2. The 'ACEPro' Testing and Tracking component - \$850 (computer testing, recording, tracking and reporting) is **paid from the workplace safety training budget**. Recording and reporting safety training of all employees, visitors and volunteers to the workplace is mandatory. This part of the program assists the WSHO or safety committee chairperson to assist in the exercising of the 'duty of care' required by the school executive.

Also to consider is the funding available through the Federal Government's 2009 Round 2.1 funding rollout of the '**Digital Education Revolution**' initiative. These funding rollouts are to be used to fund infrastructure and/or software. The Australian Government is investing funding of \$2 billion to provide for:

- the National Secondary School Computer Fund, providing grants of up to \$1 million for schools to assist them to provide for new or upgraded information and communications technology (ICT) for secondary students in years 9 – 12
- the Fibre Connections to Schools initiative, a contribution of up to \$100 million to support the development of fibre-to-the-premises (FTTP) broadband connections to Australian schools
- collaboration with states and territories and Deans of Education to ensure new and continuing teachers have access to training in the use of ICT that enables them to enrich student learning
- \$32.6 million over two years to supply students and teachers with online curriculum tools and resources to support the national curriculum and conferencing facilities for specialist subjects such as languages
- the development of online learning and access that will enable parents to participate in their child's education
- \$10 million over three years to develop support mechanisms to provide vital assistance for schools in the deployment of ICT provided through the National Secondary School Computer Fund.

The Minister for Education, the Hon Julia Gillard MP, announced on 10 December 2008 that a supplementary Round 2.1 of the National Secondary School Computer Fund (the Fund) is now open.

Source:

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/DigitalEducationRevolution/Pages/default.aspx>

3. The 'OnGuard' ACEPro - 'Software as a Service' monthly subscription fee - \$25 per month - two year contract is **paid from the ICT licensing budget**. In much the same way that licences are paid to Microsoft Select, Clickview, Websters Encyclopedia and Mathletics.

The National Secondary Schools Computer Fund (NSSCF) aims to ensure that every Year 9–12 student in secondary schools has access to ICT. The NSSCF Guidelines provide important information on the use of the available funds. Application software must support teaching, learning or administration. Software includes:

- * content management systems
- * learning systems (eg. OnGuard ACEPro Training, Testing and Tracking Program)
- * financial and asset management systems
- * staff and student management systems
- * assessment and reporting systems.

Source:

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/schooling/DigitalEducationRevolution/Resources/guide/Implementation/Pages/PlanningICTImplementation.aspx>

4. The 'OnGuard' ACEPro 'training package' could be **paid from the ICT - related school-based professional development budget**.

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard MP notified all teacher employers in Australia that funds of up to \$11.25 million of the total (\$22.5 million) provided under the state and territory element of the Australian Government Quality Teacher Program (AGQTP) in 2009 should be directed to ICT-related school-based professional development for teachers.

Source:

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/DigitalEducationRevolution/Pages/ProfessionalDevelopmentforTeachers.aspx>