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Remote school gets high-tech help

Kiwirrkurra Remote Community School 670km west of Alice Springs has received 50 free lap tops in a bid to give the kids a brighter future.

The laptops have come from One Laptop Per Child a charity that provides free laptops to children in disadvantaged and remote communities.

Rangan Srikhanta, Executive Director of One Laptop Per Child Australia says Kiwirrkurra is the perfect example of what the charity wants to achieve.

"These communities are a long way away from support, in one of the most testing climates in the world, on the one hand it could be flooded to an environment that is punishingly hot so these computers have been made incredibly robust."

"Many of the kids here have English as a second language, and the interface that has been designed for these laptops is targeted for these communities."

But how effective and useful can they be in a remote community like Kiwirrikurra where literacy levels are low and many children don't progress to high school?

Kiwirrkurra teacher Adele Lise says the laptops will be a useful teaching aid.

"They'll be able to use them to build up their problem solving skills through the puzzles that are available and other educational games."

Miss Lise says they have a high attendance record at the school.

"Our community has a culture that if you're in Kiwirrkurra you must come to school, so we have the kids bringing in relatives from other communities who don't go to school which can be interesting."