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Remote children to receive laptops

One Laptop Per Child is an ambitious program, aimed at providing laptops to our most disadvantaged school children.

It's already working in other parts of the world, and is a charity project that's absolutely free to the children.

It's now set to be rolled out in some of Australia's most remote schools.

Under the plan, up to 400,000 school children in remote Australia, will be provided with their own laptop.

Its objective is to give disadvantaged children the same educational tools as their more privileged peers.

The vision was born within the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the USA.

The XO Laptop is low cost, high quality, extremely durable and designed for children aged 5 to 15.

The program is underwritten by donations and corporate sponsorship.

Still in its early days in Australia, it has so far provided one thousand outback children with their very own XO Laptops.